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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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THE PROBLEM OF PAIN

By Dr. P. W. Philpott

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."—Heb. 12:6-10.

Probably every believer, at some time, has been greatly perplexed over God's dealings with His children. We wonder why depression, misunderstanding, and suffering are necessary when we are honestly trying to do the will of God. This matter perplexed Job, one of the greatest sufferers of all time. "Show me wherefore thou contendest with me," he requested. His petition has been echoed by many another believer. It is not an indication of rebellion if we ask, "My God, why?" Jesus Himself asked the question. In the beginning of the Christian life we ask, "How?" Like Nicodemus, we say, "How can a man be born when he is old?" But as we travel the road of Christian experience, our query becomes not "How?" but "Why, Lord?"

Incorrect Views

There is a tendency to regard affliction and pain as always being retribution for wrong-doing. When we see Christians in trouble, we are like Job's comforters, as they have been called, although a better designation would be his tormentors. In their self-complacency they regarded the patriarch as a hypocrite. They thought he was suffering because of sin that he had not confessed. They were sincere in their belief, but they were utterly wrong.

Again, in the ninth chapter of John's Gospel we have the story of a man who was born blind and whose eyes were opened by the Lord. The disciples asked Jesus: "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They had no solution to the problem apart from the belief that the sufferer, through his own sin, or his forbears through their sin, had brought this affliction upon him. Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should

be made manifest in him." The Lord did not mean them to understand, of course, that the man had never committed any sin, nor that his parents were perfect. He meant, rather, that in this particular case the man's suffering was not a punishment for sin—his own or his parents'.

The Main Causes of Suffering

Sickness may come from three sources. First, it may be the result of a violation of the laws of nature. To use a simple illustration: If I put my hand in the fire it will be burned, and no amount of faith will save me from consequent suffering if I violate that natural law. I may have a wonderfully strong physique, but if I misuse my body, if I abuse it, if I deny it the rest it should have, then I need not wonder if it suffers—perhaps for many days.

Second, it may be the result of a violation of spiritual laws. God promised Israel that if they would

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Prize Winner in Second Annual \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest

the Value of a SOUL



By Rev. W. B. Walker, Pastor
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Jesus had just entered the city of Bethsaida. A blind man was brought to Him for healing, and Jesus took him by the hand and led the poor fellow out of the city. The Master put His hand on the man's eyes and asked if he saw aught. The blind man said in reply, "I see men as trees, walking." Jesus touched his eyes the second time and asked if he saw, and received for an answer these words, "I see every man clearly."

The words of our text were brought out by the temporizing utterance of Peter, who tried to dissuade his Lord from going to Jerusalem to die. He was temporizing. Jesus rebuked him and bade him to get behind Him. "Thou art an offence unto me." From this incident have come these words, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:35, 36).

As earthly mortals we are unable to grasp the content of the "whole world." It is beyond us, for we know but little about the world. We may travel over it to some extent, yet our knowledge is

limited. Doubtless the world referred to is the world in which we live. The whole world includes all its areas, its mineral deposits, its commerce, its business, and all its races—their politics, their religions, their governments, and their control of, everything. It includes the riches of the world, and the amusements and follies of the world. Over against all this Jesus puts a human soul.

I. The Value of the Soul in its Spiritual Nature

The soul is an immortal essence, and thus stands allied to the angels, who are described as spir-



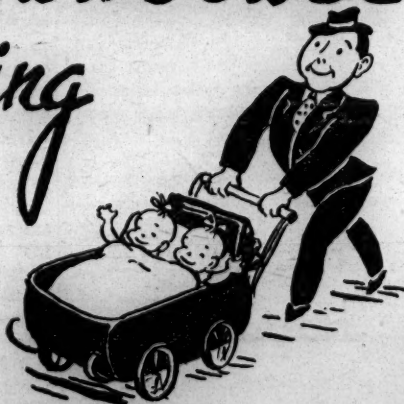
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its and a flame of fire. The body that God created is a beautiful structure—hands, countenance, eyes, brain, and yet these are all matter. As the body has its various members, so has the soul its various faculties and attributes.

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Make it a DOUBLE Blessing

Save YOUR Money on Subs.,
Help US Reach Goal by April 1



By Grace Rice MacMullen,
Circulation Mgr. The Sword of the Lord; and
Viola Walden, Secretary to Dr. Rice

Don't you enjoy doing what you know pleases the Lord? What a joy it is to bring comfort to others, or to help answer prayer!

Did you ever stop to consider that God's work is accomplished by human beings? He uses preachers and Christian workers in the winning of the lost. He can heal bodies without doctors and medicine, but He more often uses men and medicine to do it. He also uses Christians to help answer prayer. Of course God can do His mighty work without us, but He usually does not choose to do so. It is His will "by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

God works sometimes by putting it on the heart of someone in

California to answer a prayer in Illinois by sending the exact amount of money prayed for in obedience to God. God doesn't choose to drop money from Heaven, but He chooses to use His children to help answer prayer. Take, for instance, some missionary in danger in the dark jungles of Africa. God may impress some individual or a group here in America to pray hard for that one in danger, at the time he is in danger, and perhaps while the petition is going up, the mission-

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The Work Conference at Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, June 14 to 27

The first conference we list will be sponsored by Evangelist Bill Rice, associate editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, on a thousand-acre ranch nine miles from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. There will be two weeks of this work conference. However, the editor will be there the first week, only speaking twice daily and working hard, so we list it as a Sword Conference the first week, in that limited sense.

The plan is that men and young men particularly, come and work four hours daily in actual construction work building cottages, a dormitory, building a tabernacle, making roads, etc., on the conference ground. And for this four hours' work they get meals and beds free. There will be three periods of services daily. Afternoons will include recreation, horseback

riding, fishing, hiking, and games. We expect a tremendous time of blessing. It will be like camping out, with hard work, plenty to eat, a shelter and bed at night. We want fifty men and young men. Those who do not work the full time must pay board. Reservations are to be made ahead of time. Write Evangelist Bill Rice, Bill Rice Ranch, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for full details.

Remember that the actual construction work will be carried on two full weeks on the above plan. This editor will be present only the first week, according to present plans.

Sword of the Lord Conference,
Lake Arrowhead, Binghamton, New York,
June 28-July 4

Beautiful Lake Arrowhead is nine miles south of Binghamton, (Continued on page 4)



Dr. P. W. Philpott



Sowing the Blessed Seed

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Ps. 126:5,6.

"In the morning sow thy seed..."—Eccles. 11:6.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."—Isa. 32:20.

By Viola Walden, Secretary to Dr. Rice

*Somebody gave a little tract,
To a soul bound with despair,
The message gripped, the Spirit worked,
The Word had power, and we beheld
A life released from Satan's snare.
Was that Somebody you?*

I do not know the author of this brief poem, but how true it is, you will see in this article.

Dr. Rice said we could use space enough for a sermon this week in order to share with our friends these blessed testimonies. We need to get such letters—you need to read them. We humans need encouragement NOW. We get it, plenty of it, praise the Lord! What if for every bit of sowing we did, we had to wait until we reached Heaven to hear of the results? God wants to encourage us NOW. In the same season we plant, He brings forth the crop.

Two weeks ago we listed the names of 673 people who wrote that during 1953 they had found Christ as Saviour through Sword literature. Each of these people received a two-page letter from Dr. Rice, in which he urged them to join a church, be baptized, and go to work for Jesus. Many of these new converts write often to tell us how happy they are in their new-found salvation. This is encouragement. Literally thousands of others wrote, last year, telling us they had been drawn closer to God through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and through Dr. Rice's plain, sharp, sin-convicting preaching in his books. God has greatly encouraged us by these letters. Many of our readers who pray, who send books to loved ones, who give to this work, are encouraged by the testimonies through the letters we print occasionally. Some of these letters are from your loved ones . . . your friends . . . your neighbors . . . your pastors.

None of the letters used here have been quoted before. Most of them have come this new year.

Mrs. William Shultz of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, writes that THE SWORD helped in winning her neighbor to the Lord. "My husband takes these to his work and it speaks for itself—a real ministry," she adds.

RICE SALVATION BOOKLET CONVICTS INDIAN

An interesting letter was sent to us by Missionary Don Hillis, which was sent to him by Mr. K. V. Qherian of Travancore, India, where Dr. Rice's booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" is in circulation in the Travancore language. This letter is from (Sd) Kurien P. Parappayil, Puthenpura,

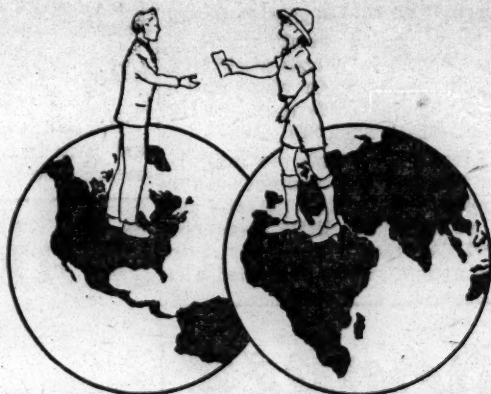
Tiruvarpur, Kottayam, India—you should have heard Dr. Rice trying to pronounce those names in our devotions the other morning! He writes:

"I was very happy to get the booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' from the Light of Life office in Kottayam. While reading the book I was convinced that I am a sinner and that there is no salvation for me except through Jesus Christ. I have been a Christian in name all these years and it is now that I am told that I am a sinner and am in need of a Saviour. Now I am using my time in reading the Bible and telling non-Christians of Jesus the Saviour. I am happy to do this. . ."

Most of those saved through the 17 or 18 languages where the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" is translated, do not write to us directly but to the missionaries who distribute them, or to the Gospel associations that print them. So we do not often see the letters; the missionaries regularly write telling what good the booklets are doing in bringing about salvation to thousands.

EDITOR'S BOOKLET TRAVELS 10,000 MILES—TO AFRICA AND BACK

Here is an interesting letter from Missionary C. F. Beitzel, who has printed "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Hausa language, in Africa. He tells that only one thousand copies of the old edition is left. He goes on furlough in June; when he returns he wants another larger edition printed. Then he



continues: "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Hausa has gotten a great and wide reception. They have been sent all over Nigeria where there are settlements of Hausa-speaking people among these 31 million. In fact, a Moslem man wrote from Lagos on the coast, nearly one thousand miles away,

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Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
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I. Remember the Building!

God has been good! You have been generous! I have always found it that way. It was that way in the local church. It was that way in mission work. Doxology! Let's keep it going!

Remember! We have \$44,000 due as final payment on permanent building site for a Sword of the Lord building. When? August 1, 1954. That would be a large sum to raise in a few days—though it could be done. However, the sensible and scriptural way is to do it day by day and week by week—1 Corinthians 16:1,2.

Mr. Walt Handford has figured the property cost at \$2.50 per square foot. Why not fix yourself a chart or graph and check off squares @ \$2.50 each as you give it?

One square represents \$2.50; all one hundred squares represent \$250. How many squares can you fill by August 1?

Many of you will want to continue using the lovely calendar envelopes. These come in week by week. Why not join up in this work of love?

II.

Preach None Else

I cannot preach any Gospel other than the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—Galatians 1, Acts 4:12.

I have seen by the written record in campaigns, movements, revivals, churches, in which God has graciously used my feeble efforts—some 130,000 (one hundred thirty thousand) and more people saved by that Gospel. In these same thirty-eight years of Gospel ministry I have seen this people, inspired by that Gospel, in those same movements give right at \$10,000,000 (ten million) by the written record for all His work.

When God works through His Gospel like that, I would be foolish indeed to follow another.

My first sermon was on Matthew 6:33, words of Jesus. My last will also be about Jesus. What a Saviour! Doxology!

III.

Some Deny the Blood!

I had preached out West on "The Blood of Christ." For the first time in my ministry, aloud in the service and in writing, 2-3-5 persons declared, "That is not the word of God." I had preached that sermon in great churches like Bellevue Baptist, and First Baptist, both of Memphis, Tennessee. I had preached it in a Baptist Church in Jerusalem almost within sight of the hill where that blood was shed. I had preached it in the great First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas; in Washington, D. C.; Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; in China, in Alaska, in Cuba, Canada, and South America.

I just could not cowardly stand by while the blood of Christ was blasphemed. I walked down out of the pulpit, stood before the man, and said, "Stop lying about

the blood of Jesus." He did. God worked in grace. I was asked to the man's home for dinner. He asked me to his shop. It takes the grace of God for a work like that! Doxology.

IV.

Here It Is!

All About Christian Giving is the title of a new book by Dr. John R. Rice. Chapters that will delight the hearts of pastors and people discuss: what God wants before money, cheerful giving, giving your way to prosperity, spirit-led giving, why Christians should give largely through the local church, and others.

The author discusses at some length the disputed question of "Storehouse Tithing."

Other chapters discuss tithing both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

The book may be profitably used in private study and by groups in the churches. There are 174 pages in the volume @ \$1.00 paper binding, and \$2.25 cloth binding.

V.

People Saved Everywhere

Our Bible Conference at the great First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor, closed with sixteen more additions the last day. Bible study turns people to Christ. That is the way it should be. People should be converted in conventions, associations, conferences, along the highway—EVERYWHERE—except in Heaven and Hell—nobody is regenerated there! NOW!

VI.

Lay Foundations

1 Corinthians 3.

After thirty-eight years of ministry in regular and strange capacities I am convinced a restudy must be made of some deeply fundamental matters.

Jesus spent most of the nearly three years of His ministry teaching, training, showing His disciples what it was all about. We would have rushed about organizing churches. We would have put on big money campaigns. As a matter of fact, Jesus did not. He got His disciples ready for the task that was theirs.

I had typical pastorates. The first year I did not announce a lot of new plans and ideas. I visited, studied the people and the field. I came to personally love the people of every field. Every pastorate grew by leaps and bounds but usually not till the 3-4-5 year.

In mission work I followed the same plan. The first year I visited seventy-one (all) associations in the state. I studied the problems. I did other things. Nearly 300,000 people were to be aroused. Not till about the fourth and fifth years did God give real increase. But he did—from \$200,000 the first year to \$1,800,000 (one million, eight hundred thousand) one year a few years later.

Our pastors need to study Jesus at this and all points. He is best of all! Doxology!

VII.

It Is True

From what I have seen and heard, I am persuaded that some people back East have forgotten what IS the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that out West some people have never known what IS the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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Poverty and Happiness

Dr. Henry Ward Beecher

It sometimes happens that poverty brings to a man what all his wealth failed to give—happiness. A man too rich to be industrious is a prey to the thousand frets of unoccupied leisure. The want of proper occupation is the cause of more than half of the petty frets of life.

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.

No man can tell by turning to his ledger whether he is rich or poor. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has.

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"According To His Will"

By Dr. Charles A. Blanchard
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We are speaking of the conditions of successful prayer. In this matter, as in all others which are of life-and-death importance, the teaching of God's Word is so plain that he may "read who runs" (Hab. 2:2). "The wayfaring man, though he were a fool, need make no mistake" (Isa. 35:8). "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14, 15).

But how can we be sure that we are asking according to the will of God, the will of Jesus Christ? Can we be sure when we ask or must we wait for the end and finally learn that we have or have not asked according to His will? I used to be greatly troubled about this matter. How many times I prayed and still prayed, and still was in doubts as to the will of God. By and by I was compelled to act. The time for deliberation was past and I had to move. Often having done so and having reached the end of a passage in my life, I could look back, as Bunyan did in the morning over the path he had traversed, and I could see that God had guided me as I asked Him to, upheld, protected, energized.

I one time said to my father, "I wish I could know when I act, whether I am doing according to the will of God or not. I pray according to James 1:5, 'Lord, I lack wisdom. I desire wisdom. Please give me wisdom,' yet I am not sure that He has done so. I go forward into the dark. After a time I can see that my prayer has been answered, that God has given me wisdom, that I have desired things which were according to His will, but I wish I might know it at the time." My father said to me, "You need Proverbs 16:3, 'Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.'"

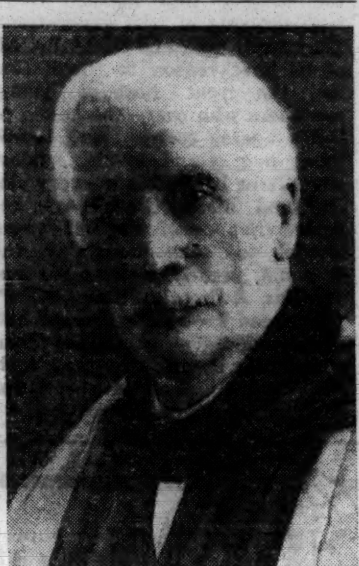
What Is It to Have Our Thoughts Established?

It is to feel sure respecting the thing that we are thinking of. When we are asking for guidance, if our thoughts are established we shall be settled in a conviction that we are being guided. We shall know that God is keeping His word to us. This promise seems to be definite and to be a firm reliance if the condition is fulfilled. What was the trouble with Balaam? His difficulty was that he wanted the reward which the king of Moab could give him. He prayed to God to know if he should go. God said: "No, do not go." The messengers came back, promising larger rewards, and he went and asked God whether he should go. He wanted to go—that was his trouble. His works were not committed to God. He knew what God wished. He wished something else. God's way did not involve treasures of silver and gold. His way did. He loved the wages of unrighteousness; he did not love the unrighteousness.

He would like to have been freed from it. He loved the wages. He wanted the things that the king could give and would give. He was afraid to go against the commands of God, but his ways were not committed. He could not say as David did, "I delight to do thy will, O my God" (Psa. 40:8). He did not delight in the will of God. He would have obeyed it. In a way he did obey it; that is to say, he did not go until he was permitted and he said the things that he was required to say, but he did not delight in the will of God.

When our ways are committed, then our whole hearts go God's road and if we thus commit our ways to Him, He establishes our thoughts; that is, He teaches us the things that He wills for us to be and do. Guidance of this kind makes life beautiful; to be without it is not only sorrow but it is a deadly danger as well.

Here, for example, is a young man. He is attracted by a bright, beautiful, gifted young woman. He



Dr. Charles Blanchard

is a Christian man. She is a woman of the world, a very lovely woman of the world, but a woman of the world. He asks God for success in his wooing, yet when he asks, the Spirit says to him, "But you are a Christian. She is not a Christian. You will be unequally joined if you are married. You are a child of God. She belongs to the world." If his works are committed to God, if he is willing to do God's way, if he is willing to marry her or anybody else, or not to marry at all, just as God shall plan, he can receive certain guidance. In this particular instance God has spoken in His word. He reinforces His Word by His Spirit. In some instances He speaks by His prophets and by His Spirit, but always He speaks. No one commits his work to God honestly and entirely without being able to ask according to the will of Jesus.

A Case in Point

A ministerial brother told me that a young lady, a member of his church, once came to him and said, "Pastor, I am to be married next week, on Wednesday. I wish you would come around to our house in the evening and perform the ceremony."

He said, "Are you to marry this young man with whom you have been keeping company?"

She said, "Yes."

He said, "Well, I cannot marry you."

She was greatly surprised and said, "Why not?"

"Because you are a child of God and he is a man of the world, and I am forbidden to marry you."

"Well," she said, "I think it very strange if my pastor will not marry me."

He said, "I will marry you if you will marry in the Lord. I will be glad to do so but I will not take the responsibility of joining you for life in marriage to a man who is not a Christian man."

It was not difficult for her to find ministers who had no such scruples. She was married according to program. Within a year she was a heartbroken bride and came to my friend, saying to him, "O pastor, if I had only known—if I had only known." She might more properly have said, "If I had only obeyed," for she did know. What she lacked was a disposition to obey.

A Christian man once said to me that he had just finished paying \$150,000 of security money. I said to him, "Why did you do that? You had no right to do so, being a Christian."

He said, "Why not?"

I said, "Because the Word of God forbids you to do things of that kind."

He said, "There is nothing about that in the Bible."

"Oh yes," I said, "there is plenty about that in the Bible." "Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts" (Prov. 22:26).

"Well," he said, "I have been a Bible teacher ever since I was a young man and I suppose I knew

the Bible pretty well, but I never knew there was anything in it about going a security. If I had obeyed that verse it would have saved me \$150,000."

I had a friend who was a banker. He was an earnest Christian man. He had a brother who was not a confessed Christian, who had been a Spiritualist, a Christian Scientist, and what not. This brother came to my friend and said to him, "I would like to put \$50,000 into your bank and be a banker with you."

My friend said, "No, brother, that will not do."

"Why not?" said his brother.

"Because I am a Christian and you are not a Christian. If we were partners we should inevitably quarrel. We would become hard in our feelings one toward the other. You would want to look over the books on Sunday, or in a busy time have something done in the bank, and I would not permit it, and then you would find fault and I should find fault and there would be trouble. I tell you what you do. There is a good building two blocks below us. Buy that building. Take out a charter for a national bank. I will help you every way I can. If any of my depositors wish to go to you, I will encourage them to do it. In this way you and I can continue friends, as we always have been, but if we should be partners, we should not be friends. We cannot afford to sacrifice our friendship as brothers for a little money."

How wise men would be if they would simply give attention to what God says. Of course, in order to give attention to it they must know what it is. Here is oftentimes the failure. Men read the Bible in streaks or spots. They do not read it as a whole. The result may be that the very teaching which they require for the particular emergency which is upon them, they do not have and they ask but do not ask according to the mind of Jesus, according to the will of God, and of course, unless God grants their petitions, as a matter of discipline and punishment they cannot receive the things which they desire.

In my own experience I can truly say that since my father gave me Proverbs 16:3 I have never patiently waited upon God for wisdom with my works fully committed, willing and determined to do according to the mind of God, without knowing that He willed the thing which I decided to do. Apart from self-determination in this matter, I think the next great danger is haste.

The Peril of Haste

"He that hasteth with his feet sinneth" (Prov. 19:2); "He that believeth shall not make haste" (Isa. 28:16). In other words, if we wish to ask according to His will, we must take time to find out what it is and we must take as much time as is necessary. God does not permit us to rush into His presence and to give Him orders, to tell Him that we have very little time to spend with Him, and that He must answer us immediately. All such dealing is an offense to God. As I have said repeatedly heretofore, He is very patient with us when He knows that our hearts are right. Of course he makes allowance for temperamental conditions. He knows when people blunder because they are willful, and when they blunder because they are defective, but haste is a deadly thing for a Christian.

I heard Dr. Herrick Johnson once say in an address to theological students: "My young brethren, never go into a pulpit unless you are sure you have something to say which is true. Men have doubts enough of their own and the preaching of doubts is never a good thing for anybody—the man who preaches or those who listen—but when you are certain that you have a message which is from God that men need, you can preach with confidence and power and God will bless it. This will limit your field somewhat, but you will find that there are plenty of things in the Christian faith which you can know are true, about which you need have no doubt whatsoever. Those are the things which you should preach."

What he said to those young ministers I would say to every child of God who reads these

words. You do not need to be in a hurry. You will find the old proverb true, "The more haste, the less speed."

When I was a boy I read a little story which I have not recently seen in print, but which was very instructive and helpful. It ran like this:

A young man, starting out on horseback for a certain city, met an old man and said to him, "I am riding for such a town. Do you think I will get there by night?"

And the elderly man replied, "Yes, you may if you ride slow enough."

The young man thought this was a most ridiculous reply and, using spur and whip, he hurried along the way as fast as he could go. After a little while his horse was worn out and could not travel so well. By this time his old friend whom he had left behind overtook him and the young man said again, "Do you think I shall get to this town by nightfall?"

The elder man said, "Yes, if you ride fast enough."

But he could not ride fast enough. He had exhausted his animal in the unseemly haste of the morning hours and he was compelled to journey in the darkness, while his friend who had given him good counsel and had set him a good example, was safely housed by the time the sun was down. This little story contains truth which every thoughtful person may well heed. He that believeth will not make haste.

God is willing to teach men His will. If they wait on Him obediently, He will do it. If they are disobedient, or if they are in disrespectful haste, they must go without guidance and fare as they can.

A New Set of Nerves

I heard Mr. Moody once preaching about salvation and he remarked that some men said that their nervous systems had been so injured by wrong living, that it was impossible for them to become really saved. Mr. Moody said, replying, "If God can make the world, it is certainly a small affair for Him to make a new set of nerves for a man who is willing to do what is right and desires to be saved." We are not hindered in our prayers by any unwillingness or inability on the part of God. We are hindered by our own defects and failures. If we ask according to the will of God, He hears us.

It is possible for us to know what His will is and it is possible for us to ask according to it and if we fail to do this, we ought not to complain of unanswered prayer, for prayer so-called, which does not comply with the clearly expressed conditions of prayer, is not prayer at all. It is an attempt to coax God to do things which He has said He will not do. This is not praying—it is insulting God.

(From the beautiful new book, GETTING THINGS FROM GOD, 24 chapters, 270 pages, price \$2.50. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.)

The Best For Christ

By Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage

As He sat at meat there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious—Mark 14:3.

That woman could have gotten a vase that would not have cost so much as those made of alabaster. She might have brought perfume that would have cost only fifty pence; this cost three hundred. As far as I can understand, her whole fortune was in it. She might have been more economical; but no—she gets the very best box, and puts in it the very best perfume, and pours it all out on the head of her Redeemer.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, the trouble is that we bring to Jesus too cheap a box. If we have one of alabaster and one of earthenware, we keep the first for ourselves, and we give the latter to Christ.

We owe Jesus the best of our time, the best of our talents, the best of everything. Is there an hour in the day when we are wider awake than any other, more capable of thought and feeling, let us bring that to Christ. We are apt to take a few moments in the morning when we are getting awake, or a few moments at night when we are getting asleep, to Jesus. If there be an hour in the day when we are most appreciative of God's goodness, and Christ's pardon, and heaven's joy, oh, that is the alabaster box to bring to Jesus. We owe Christ the very best years of our life. When the sight is the clearest, when the hearing is the acutest, when the arm is the strongest, when the nerves are the steadiest, when the imagination is the brightest, let us come to Jesus, and not wait until our joints are stiffened with rheumatism, and the glow is gone out of our temperament, and we arise in the morning as weary as when we laid down at night.

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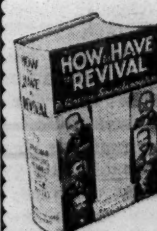
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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Wyrzten Campaign in Trinidad Turns Into Revival, 1070 Decisions

San Jose, Costa Rica, February 17—In the second city-wide evangelistic campaign in its history, Port of Spain, Trinidad, saw a total of 1070 decisions for Christ and in the opinion of JACK WYRTZEN, "a revival such as I've never seen before." Wyrzten and his quartet were featured in the campaign January 17 to February 7 under the auspices of the Latin America Mission.

A mammoth airplane hangar, moved into the center of town, served as the meeting place. Benches were borrowed from all over the island, including the race track, and crowds ranged from 2,000 up to more than 6,000 on the closing night. Special fleets of "Crusade" buses were provided by the local company.

Horace L. Fenton of the L. A. M., campaign director, reports that the mayor, colonial secretary and even the governor of the island were on hand for the opening meeting. "The thing that impressed me most," he feels, "was the solidness of the work. Unless I miss my guess, a much higher percentage than usual really meant business, and had definite transactions with the Lord."

For the closing meeting, scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m., the crowd began to gather at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Next day Wyrzten and his quartet left for quick jumps to Venezuela, Panama, and Costa Rica, landing back in New York for their radio rally on February 13. Meanwhile Fenton joined Phil Saint and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Krause for another evangelistic campaign in Trinidad's capital city, San Fernando.

The Sheridan Road Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, recently closed a very successful campaign with EVANGELIST

BILL THOMAS of Arlington, Texas, according to a letter from the pastor, J. Frank Davis. There were 41 additions to the church, 33 by salvation and baptism, and 7 by letter. The pastor, in commending the evangelist says: "...a young man on fire for God—one of the best preachers I have ever heard."

The editor's good friend, and one of Texas' fine evangelists, LOUIS WUNNEBURGER, of Austin, Texas, writes from Lake Charles, Louisiana, near the close of a two-week revival at Trinity Baptist Church. Evangelist and pastor rejoice over a new Sunday School record of 1,060 during the revival. With four days left of the campaign when Brother Wunneburger wrote, already 44 souls had been saved and joined the church. After this engagement, our brother returns for the third time to First Baptist Church, Herrin, Illinois, where the revival fires are already burning, as evidenced by ten souls saved in a week of special prayer meetings preceding the campaign.

A fine revival has just been completed at the First Baptist Church of Newark Valley, New York, with EVANGELIST BILL PIPER of P. O. Box 22, Greenville, South Carolina. The pastor, Rev. Charles L. Livingood, writes that during the two weeks there were thirty-one conversions, and many rededications. He further states: "Dr. Piper's ministry among us has been praised by many of my people as the most spiritual revival and the best attended in the history of the church... we hope to have him back again."

EVANGELIST RALPH M. DAVIDSON, Coffeyville, Kansas, was recently in a good revival with First Evangelical Congregational Church of Youngstown, Ohio. Souls were saved, and other blessings received during the campaign.

Make A Date . . .

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New York. There the Sword of the Lord will have a blessed conference on revival and soul winning from Monday, June 28, through Sunday, July 4. Editor John R. Rice will be speaking twice daily throughout the conference. Evangelist Hugh Pyle, new assistant to the editor, former newspaper man who has done a remarkable work as soul-winning pastor—at Pensacola, Florida, and more recently at Cove Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida, will also speak daily. We expect Evangelist Joe Miller of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for three days, the Rice Sisters Duet will sing, other special music is planned, and other speakers will be announced.

Lake Arrowhead is a beautiful place, the accommodations are very comfortable. The large dining hall, the auditorium seating, I suppose, a thousand or twelve hundred, the many cabins, the dormitories, the recreation equipment will care for many. All lend themselves to a most happy week of vacation and of spiritual enjoyment and life-changing fellowship and prayer and hearing the Word. The rates are very reasonable. They are:

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The girls are housed in cabins accommodating ten persons and are carefully supervised by counselors.

The boys sleep in the large

dormitory on the lake front under the supervision of trained counselors.

This year there will also be accommodations in a newly-constructed Motel at \$20 per person, per week.

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Two Great Weeks July 4-17, at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia

The annual Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, July 4-10, will be one of the greatest we have ever had. We think we will overflow all the accommodations. Already reservations are coming in fast.

Pastor, Christian worker, evangelist, Sunday School superintendent or teacher, listen! How would you like to sit for days under the teaching of the two men who have built what are probably the two greatest soul-winning churches in the world, who baptized the most converts, and whose church membership in each case is around 10,000? Well, that is the opportunity you will have at Lake Louise during this great week.

Dr. Lee Roberson is pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has for years led the entire Southern Baptist Convention in the number of converts baptized. Each recent year this church has baptized from one thousand to 1,250 converts per year. Its great central Sunday School runs way above three thousand; with about thirty chapels, the total Sunday School attendance each week runs considerably above four thousand (the exact figures are not before me). Dr. Lee Roberson can show how to build a great soul-winning

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Preaching, Power and Promotion

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Thank God! In both sections some tell the truth when they sing, "Jesus is all the world to me." Luke 14, Hebrews 11.

VIII.

Bethel Lodge—Motel

While here in the Denver, Colorado area, we are being entertained in the Bethel Lodge, owned and operated by Professor and Mrs. Stanley Skivington. He teaches Missions in the Conservative Seminary. How good it is occasionally to find a Christian motel. This one is nice, comfortable, and conservatively priced. Amen!

IX.

About ninety-five per cent of the pastors with whom I have worked in revivals during the past

eighteen months have been young men. These young preachers are the "salt of the earth." They are, in some places, pioneers with all the courage that marked God's true servants of past generations. They work hard and faithfully. All of us have reason to thank God for the great host of young preachers who carry the battle to Hell's gates today. And beside these men stand lovely, modest wives, true helpmeets in every victory and failure. Once it was reported that a professor felt it was his job to "take the starch out of young preachers" who sat under him. A thousand times, "No!" They need to be encouraged and enheartened! The world, the flesh, and the Devil will "take the starch out" of them. Let us give them heartfelt love and admiration!

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

Aged Rabbi Accepts the Saviour

Thirty years ago when Jacob Gartenhaus accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, his father, a Rabbi in Jerusalem, disowned him and gave him up as dead. All those years, while gaining a place of leadership in America as a missionary to the Jews, Gartenhaus prayed for his father's conversion. Finally, a year ago, he went to Jerusalem to see his father. The aged Rabbi, age 90, was feeble and nearly blind, but he recognized his son. For four hours he listened as his son explained the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ and Israel's Messiah. Then he, too, accepted Christ as his Saviour. A few months later he died, a happy man.

Plan to Restore Spurgeon Tabernacle

Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle, one of London's great preaching centers, is to have a revival of life under its young minister, Gerald B. Griffiths. The tabernacle's 5,000-seat building in south London was destroyed in air raids during the war. Now it is to be rebuilt. The plan is for a structure in which a congregation of 500 will feel at home, but which will accommodate 1,000 more when the galleries (built over rooms in the rear of the auditorium) are used. Underneath the auditorium will be space for modern Sunday School rooms. Spurgeon made his tabernacle a powerful center for evangelism of all kinds. Under his leadership it founded a theological college, an orphanage and numerous churches. The war robbed the tabernacle of 700 members, but its Sunday school has an attendance of 1,000 and there are five "mission stations." It is situated in a district which Griffiths says is in a state of "moral and spiritual bankruptcy."

Torrey-Gray Auditorium to Be Completed Late '54

Construction has begun on a new auditorium for the famous Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. The new building will be erected on the basement, which has been used as a temporary auditorium since 1939. Shortage of building materials during and after World War II in addition to lack of funds hindered construction plans until now.

The new structure, named Torrey-Gray auditorium in honor of two of the Institute's early leaders, will seat 2,200 persons and will be completed in December of 1954 it is hoped.

A four-story music building will be built at the back of Torrey-Gray auditorium behind the platform. This will house studios, classrooms, practice rooms and offices for music staff personnel.

Over One Half Million Copies of Singspiration Song and Chorus Books Sold in 1953

The Zondervan Publishing House has announced a record sale of

over one half million copies of the Song and Chorus books in the Singspiration line during the year 1953. Over one hundred thousand copies of the Action series alone were distributed. Another hundred thousand of the Favorite series were distributed. In addition, several thousand copies of the popular "Inspiring Hymns" were sold. In addition to the Song and Chorus book series, over two hundred thousand of the Singspiration records (45 rpm, 33-1/3 rpm and 78 rpm) were sold during 1953.

Because of the tremendous upsurge in interest in the Singspiration line, it has been found necessary to move to larger quarters. Effective immediately, the new Singspiration offices will be located at Robinson Road and Lake Drive Avenue in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The production offices as well as the business offices will be located at this address.

Book Reviews

BOOK REVIEWS IN THIS COLUMN WILL USUALLY BE BY JUDGES OF THE SWORD BOOK CLUB AND WILL BE SIGNED.

PEACE WITH GOD, by Billy Graham. Doubleday & Company, 222 pages, \$2.50.

Because of the wide publicity which Billy Graham has received in the last few years, many will read this book—those who have been blessed by the preaching of Billy Graham, some who are curious, and some who are looking for something to criticize—but because of the wide reading which will be accorded the work, it should be a tremendous force for good. There is no compromise here—none of the pseudo-psychological saccharin of Norman Vincent Peale. Here is the good milk and sound meat of the Gospel and here is good, sound fundamental interpretation of the Word of God. Billy Graham does not flatter the flesh nor offer any vain hope. He talks about total depravity, the necessity of the new birth, and the blessed hope of the appearing of our Lord... This book shall undoubtedly accomplish much good and bring many to righteousness. BOB JONES, JR.

GETTING THINGS FROM GOD, by Charles A. Blanchard. Sword of the Lord Publishers, 270 pages, \$2.50.

Out of a close walk with God over a period of many years, and out of a personal prayer ministry whose effects are still felt on Wheaton campus and around the world, the late President Blanchard wrote these heart-warming, soul-inspiring, faith-kindling messages on answers to prayer. There is something on the mechanics of prayer, more on its motivation, but mostly on the message that God does hear and answer prayer. There is the touch of God in these kindling pages to establish our

hearts in the promises and to encourage us to pray.

V. RAYMOND EDMAN

MOSES, THE SERVANT OF GOD, by F. B. Meyer. Zondervan Publishing House, 189 pages, \$2.50.

I am better acquainted with Moses today than I have ever been before in all my life. I have discovered that he, too, was a "man of like passions" as we. What a tremendous insight to his character we gain through this marvelous character study. From the time he was discovered by Pharaoh's daughter in the bulrushes until he was buried by the angel Michael on the mountain, we witness his growth, his decisions, his strength and his weaknesses, his temptations and his triumphs. This man of flesh and blood was also a man of faith and hope, and it was this combination that made him a man of destiny! This is one of the finest books in my library, and I very earnestly recommend it to you.

BILL RICE

TENTS TOWARD THE SUNRISE, by Charles Koller. Judson Press, 152 pages, \$2.00.

This is a book of sixty-six brief messages selected from the writings of the author who is the president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. They are grouped under four main topics—Practical Christian Living; The Church and Its Ministry; Special Days in the Year; and The Issue of War and Peace. Because of the brevity of each message, the book will make splendid devotional reading for the busy layman. And because of the wide variety of subjects and the way in which they are discussed, the book will be stimulating and helpful to ministers.

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Sowing the Blessed Seed

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about being saved through it! Up here in the North, of course, in real Hausa country, it is spread and read everywhere and not only missionaries but native evangelists ask for them to use in native conferences.

Then Missionary Beitzel from North Nigeria, adds: "You may remember that I got some of the English edition from you. I have used these too, to good advantage. An outstanding case is where I sent one to my oldest brother back in Ohio and he has just written me saying that he was reading it for the second time and that it was all true. I have dealt with this brother for forty years and have never seemed to dent him; this is the first time in all those years that he has ever admitted needing just such a message! He is a good moral man, an earnest church member, but self-righteous. Just think that a tract from Africa ten thousand miles away that can move a man after so long! Surely it is worth circulating!"

Good news from a far country!

A student at the University of Alberta, in Calgary, purchased *The Ruin of a Christian* with the purpose of giving it to her brother for his nineteenth birthday. Before sending it to him, however, she "skimmed through it for the reason that I might have a slight knowledge of what it contained . . . The messages have also spoken to me. I have been a Christian for many years, that is, I have thought myself a Christian ever since I was twelve. Since then I have often lacked assurance. It seems I have always believed but that faith originated in knowledge rather than a heart-felt desire. The busy days here at the varsity do not further Christian experiences . . ." Then she asks prayer that the book will be used to speak to her brother, who is a backslider, in a special way.

NEW TRANSLATION IN DENMARK

Mr. Erick Plum from Copenhagen, Denmark, writes: "The small booklet, *God's Cure Against Worries* is now from the printers. We have mailed you two copies . . . hope you will like the printing and cover." He sent a copy of Dr. Rice's book, *God's Cure for Anxious Care*, as translated in Danish.

It is nicely printed, and we are praying that it will bring real comfort to those who read the Danish language. Here is a picture of the Danish edition.



Mr. Charlie Moon of Alton, Illinois, asks for 100 copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?", then says, "Through the quick-learning I received through reading this booklet and prayer, I was saved and joined the church last Sunday."

"I read your paper while I was a convict in the penitentiary and through it received many wonderful blessings. I have studied for the ministry and now am very active in a church, of which I am about to become pastor," writes Mr. Comer E. Bond from Newport, Kentucky.

Who knows what a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD will do! Here is a sample of what it did for a former convict.



A preacher at the Assembly of God Indian Mission in Sells, Arizona, writes to thank the editor of THE SWORD. Someone had the paper sent to him as a gift; he wrote after receiving the first two issues: "Missionary work requires a lot besides preaching once or twice a week. Already your paper has been a blessing in supplying just what I and the people needed in a concise, compact form that I could digest quickly and deliver clearly. You see, some of our Indians—two mothers and their two babies—became lost out on the desert for two days and two nights last week. One baby, three months, died of exposure and the other was quite ill. As the missionary, I was with the family during the search, the funeral, etc., and had little time to prepare for the scheduled services. Your paper did a fine job of assisting."

AIRMAN SAVED; WINS FIVE BUDDIES

The following letter we print in full, from one who found the Saviour through "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" It blessed our hearts, and we believe it will bless yours as you read this heart-mov-

ing testimony from a man in the air force:

Fort Worth, Texas

"Dear Brother Rice:

"In regards to your request which I have found written within the covers of the small but very powerful booklet entitled, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' Instead of just filling in the dotted lines I thought it might give you a blessing to hear my testimony, and too, I felt that I owe you so much for your bluntness of speech. I have read other tracts now and then, but none ever struck home with me, or none ever convicted me like that before. There was no beating around the bush, but straight to the heart and pointing out the fact that truly I was a sinner.

"Since Brother Bill Norman, a fellow Air Force buddy of mine, gave me one of your books, and having nothing else to do one day I sat down on a box off by myself and began to read. At first I was ready to throw it away, but somehow I made myself continue on, and as I asked myself if it could be talking about me the hurtful truth kept revealing itself and thank God I accepted Jesus Christ right then and there as my Lord and Saviour.

"It was then that I realized who Jesus the Christ was, and wanted to know more about him. Then I had my wife to find for me the New Testament that had been given to me when I joined the Air Force. It had never been opened by me before. I began to feast upon the Word of my Saviour. Then and now I am proud to pronounce that my wife has been saved and together we were baptized and since then, which has only been three short months, my testimony has brought five more souls to Jesus to be saved. I thank God that He has found me worthy to bring His Word to others for there are so many lost men here at Carswell A. F. B. Pray for me and the Christian band we have on the base. All of us are in the 26th Bomb Squadron at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas. We sit around in groups at lunch time and give our blessing then each day some one of us will bring a sort of lesson to talk on. Many sit with us and we have noticed a definite change in many of them, and we hope to do more and more as the Lord wills us. And too, we have heard that there are other bands starting up in other Squadrons on the base. Pray for them also as we do.

"I have found a church home now at the Castleberry Baptist church in Fort Worth, Texas, where Rev. David A. Cavin is our pastor, and I thank the Lord for him. May he keep preaching the Word. I rejoice each Lord's Day at the many souls that are saved here.

"I do hope you will overlook my crude writing and misspelling, but I felt that you'd care to hear just a little of the many blessings I've had and about the seven souls that have been saved because of your book. I know it will make you feel that your book surely has been worth all it cost in time and money.

"Thanking you again on behalf of my wife, Margaret, my son and daughter, Linda and Allan, and myself.

"God be with you."

(Signed) John Wicker

Doesn't that make you want to help spread that little salvation booklet far and wide?

Another letter comes from Mrs. D. R. Jordon in Sumter, South Carolina, and it reads:

"This morning as I was reading your book 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I realized what I must do so I did it. Now I know I'm saved and I'm gratefully happy. I just had to write you and tell you what a wonderful book you have published. I just wish every one could have one to read. I have been trying to reach Christ for months now, and your book did it for me. Thank you so very much."

Mrs. D. Ridgway from Spokane, Washington, renewed her subscription for 3 years to THE SWORD from money she was using for bus fare to see her sister. But I will let her tell the story:

"I see that my subscription is due. At first I thought I couldn't renew, then the Holy Spirit said, 'Send \$5 for three years instead of one year at \$2.50, and God will see to it that you will have what you need.' I haven't seen my sister, who lives in California, for ten years, and I've been saving to make the trip by bus (\$35). I had \$30 saved. Taking \$5 won't delay me as I had not set a date to go. God has been very good to me, and if it is His will that I make this visit, He will send the money."

HINDU YOUNG MAN SAVED—"ONLY PERSON AMONG THOUSANDS OF HINDUS"

If you met a Hindu, I imagine your reaction would be the same as mine—"Can't reach that kind of a person with the Gospel, so why try? He has his own religion." BUT somebody didn't feel that way.

The little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" is in the Tamil language in India, as well as in six other languages there. Recently the following letter came to us—from a Hindu who writes English.

"Devannagoundanoor P. O. Salem Dist., S. India "23.11.53

"Respected Sir:

"Praise the Lord.

"I am a Hindu young man. A copy of your book-

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Make A Date . . .

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church, how to build a great Sunday School, how to keep a continual revival on among his people as can few men in the world today. This charming, Spirit-filled Bible-preaching pastor will be speaking at Lake Louise. You never knew a man who was blessed in so many activities—pastor of one of the greatest churches in the world; heading the Tennessee Temple Schools (Bible School, College, and Seminary); head of Zion College for Negroes; head of the Union Rescue Mission; head of Camp Joy for underprivileged children, where hundreds are won to Christ each summer; head of a mission board sending out over one hundred missionaries; editor of a paper; carrying on a big weekly radio broadcast program. DON'T FAIL TO HEAR DR. LEE ROBERSON.

The second man, greatly used of God in the building of a tremendous soul-winning church is Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit.

Temple Baptist Church averaged last year 3,722 in Sunday School. That is not the number enrolled, but the actual average attendance for a year. Under Dr. Vick's eighteen years' leadership, the Sunday School has grown from 761 attendance to the present amazing attendance.

A tremendous new auditorium is being built for the church.

Last year this church under Dr. Vick's leadership had 1,788 additions: 1,251 of them were new converts coming for baptism! The total offerings for the church were \$486,593.00.

Dr. Vick is the president of Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Missouri.

I believe that the teachings of Dr. Lee Roberson and Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick on how to build a large Sunday School, how to use the Sunday School in soul winning, and all about visitation, census, church financing, the teachers' meeting, and such matters will be a tremendous influence and help. At no conference in the world that I know about will you have a better chance to learn how to build a great soul-winning church than at this Sword of the Lord Conference at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, July 4-10.

Other speakers during this big week will be Dr. Monroe Parker, Greenville, South Carolina; Evangelist Bill Rice, who is always such

a blessing; Editor John R. Rice; and Rev. Hugh Pyle, former newspaper man, retiring pastor at Cove Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida, formerly at the large Brent Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. This charming, Spirit-filled, wise young man will be especially popular with soul winners and young Christians.

There will be a tremendous musical program. Jim Ryerson, head of radio WMUU, Greenville, South Carolina, will have charge of the music for one day. Vick Werner of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, will be in charge for two days. Special music will be provided by Tennessee Temple Schools, by Bob Jones University, and by the Rice Sisters Duet, and others. Prayer meetings, confession meetings, waiting on God for power, and the sweetest fellowship this side of Heaven—all these we expect with God's blessing. Pray! Make your reservations now to attend.

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This conference will be followed by another, sponsored by the Sword of the Lord. Many will

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The Evangelistic Passion

A study of the Christian pulpit reveals the fact that men of outstanding success as soul winners have been those with a strong, almost consuming passion for the lost. Jesus said of Himself: "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." The Apostle Paul so longed for the salvation of his countrymen that he said: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Of Samuel Rutherford it was said by a friend: "Many a time I thought he would have flown out of the pulpit when he came to speak of Jesus Christ." It was likewise said of Joseph Alleine that "infinite and insatiable greed for the conversion of souls," possessed him and he preached "with far-reaching voice, flashing eye, and a soul on fire with love."

John Wesley was denied the

privilege of preaching from the pulpit in the church; but with true evangelistic fervor took his father's tomb for a pulpit and preached to the people the great truths of full salvation. Whitefield loved field preaching. Returning from a tour he lighted a candle and went upstairs to retire, weary after the journey; but the people gathered in front of the house and filled the street; and there on the stairway with a lighted candle in his hand, he preached his last message, retired and was no more; for God took him. John Knox, who cried out in his earnestness, "Give me Scotland or I die," carried with him this zeal to the close of his ministry. Often he would be supported by attendants in order to reach the pulpit; but when he arose to speak the divine passion so filled his soul that one of his friends said: "So mighty was he in his yearning that I thought he would break the pulpit into bits."

The modern pulpit has suffered from a lack of passion. Back of this lack has been a false psychology which minimized the emotional nature and glorified the reason. This pagan psychology maintained that any display of emotion was a weakness; and not only so, but it was a deteriorating element in personality, antagonistic to true in-

tellecuality. It is this underlying pagan element which has produced a dry rot in the churches. False philosophy has had more to do with undermining Christian truth than is apparent to the superficial observer. As a result many sermons of the present time have the same characteristic as Dr. Chalmers attributed to those of his time. He compared them to a fine winter day—short, clear, and cold. "Brevity is good," he says and "clearness is better, but coldness is fatal. Moonlight preaching ripens no harvest."

—Selected

J. Edgar Hoover Commends McCarthy

We are for the fine work Senator McCarthy is doing in exposing communists infiltrating our government. We agree with the following fine commendation by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, so long head of the F.B.I. He says:

"I've come to know Senator McCarthy well, officially and personally. I view him as a friend and I believe he so views me. Certainly, he is a controversial man. He is earnest and he is honest. He has enemies. Whenever you attack subversives of any kind, Communists, Fascists, even Ku Klux Klan, you are going to be the victim of the most extremely vicious criticism that can be made. I know. But sometimes a knock is a boost."

Does Your Label Say 3-54?

If the figure after your name is 3-54, your subscription is expiring this month! Renew now so you won't miss a single issue!

Sowing the Blessed Seed

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let in Tamil fell into my hands. I realized I am a sinner, a great sinner, having sunk into the depths of sin.

"I now receive Him as my Saviour. As I wish to know more about Him, please send me a copy of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Please pray for me as I am the only person among thousands of Hindus.

"Thanking you, I remain
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) P. Periannan

Aren't these letters amazing . . . revealing . . . convicting . . . heart-warming?

Mr. Harold Rice of Paintsville, Kentucky, wants to send THE SWORD to others. "I was saved as a result of reading a gift subscription over a period of months, and I've been happy and working for the Lord a year now," he writes. Are literature converts genuine? Well, you have read some today that seem pretty convincing to me, such as the above! I am put to shame many times by the zeal of new converts and their anxiety to win the lost.

Sword Staff Evangelist Oscar Wells gives away in his meetings copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" He writes: "I am enclosing a copy of a letter written to an aunt and uncle in the church here where I am in a revival. This boy had been so hard to reach, but the Lord spoke to his heart when he read 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'"

Before giving the letter from the new convert, here is the note at the top written by the aunt and uncle:

"The following is a letter recently received from a 19-year old boy who is dear to our hearts, and who is now in the air force. This lad comes from a Catholic home, where the home atmosphere is anything but ideal due to drinking and just poor family relationship in general—the reason for his enlistment in the service. As young as he is, he is guilty of many things, as he has had so many snares put in his way and no restraint put upon him."

Now the letter:

"Dear Folks:
"Surprise! I'll bet you didn't expect a letter from me today too. I have such wonderful news I just can't wait to get it down on paper. To get to the point: I have just been saved. You see, when Marie went to that Bible conference in Muskegon she wrote me a letter. In that letter she sent a pamphlet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I have finished reading it, and have found a new trust in the Lord. I am so happy I want the world to rejoice with me. As you know, my past life has been full of sin, but no more. I know now the Lord will guide me and keep me in the path of righteousness. So rejoice with me, dear aunt and uncle, and cousins too. I must close now—I have many letters to write.
"Your loving nephew"

(Signed) Andy—and a happy Andy, I am!

Yes, no sinner is too hard to reach with the Gospel. Sometimes they are easier to reach than self-righteous, religious people who depend on a moral life. He might never have been reached, except through a booklet.

The next letter is from Mr. Everett Lindquist of Rockford, Illinois, who read the thirteen tithing articles published in 1953 in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. (Now in book form.) He decided to put in

practice what he had read . . . and here is the result:

"I feel that you should like to know that, through your articles on tithing, we decided to tithe and the Lord has provided for us. We still have doctor and hospital bills, but somehow they are being paid faster than before we tithed. We also have a wonderful peaceful feeling and that awful anxiety of where is the next cent coming in has disappeared because you see we have trusted in the Lord completely. . . .

"I am also enclosing \$2.00 to be applied to your Free Literature Fund. This is my tithe from selling chickens."

WITHOUT SWORD, PREACHER "LIKE ELIJAH UNDER JUNIPER TREE"



Here is a letter from a pastor who also "makes tents" with another job, as necessary:

"I have missed so having THE SWORD come to me these past few months, that I have a new love and appreciation for it. This is the first time in seven years I have been without it. I am pastoring a little church 50 miles from San Diego and drive back and forth each day to my job in a San Diego aircraft company. I have no time for Christian fellowship, and since the SWORD stopped coming, I feel like Elijah under the juniper tree . . . Please renew my subscription for three years."

The SWORD was instrumental in leading a 74-year-old man to Christ in 1950. As far as we know, he never wrote to tell us so until January of '54. Here is part of his letter: "I turned to Christ after reading a sermon published in February, 1950, in your periodical. God has seen fit to keep me—now a man of 77—after undergoing three abdominal operations within two and a half years. I know He has spared me that I may be privileged to help some poor souls out of darkness. . . ." This was signed by Mr. Charles King of Toronto.

Are converts through Sword literature genuine? He is working now to win others. Good evidence, don't you think?

This letter doesn't write about salvation, but it encourages us to know that God helped us in raising \$17,000 by January 1 for the Sword Building Fund lot payment. Many helped us pray hard. God did answer. Mr. Campion of Philadelphia sent \$10 on the building expense "when I was as low as I had been in a long time," he wrote. But then: "Believe me, it had not been gone two days when I received money twice from one source and once from another when least expected. So I sent another \$10, with fifty per cent increase. . . ."

Many others who helped during this time have written how God supplied their needs, when He put it in their hearts to help.

This was a wonderful victory; Mr. Handford has

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The Problem of Pain

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obey Him, He would allow none of the diseases that came to the Egyptians, to touch them. Later, He told them that if they did not obey Him, He would smite them "with consumption, and with fever, and with an inflammation," as He did their enemies. I believe a great many people suffer because, like Israel, they have disobeyed God. When they get right spiritually, they soon are well physically. I have known this to happen many times. I have been called to pray with unsaved people who were seemingly at the point of death. On their sickbeds they were led to trust Christ as Saviour, and almost immediately their health was restored. Such instances were correctly reported as cases of divine healing, for God, who has made the body, is surely able to repair it when the heart is right with Him. A saved soul, a clean mind, and a pure conscience contribute largely to the health of the body.

In the third place, sickness may be the result of a direct attack from Satan. From the history of Job we learn that Satan is often permitted to afflict the children of God. Job's painful experience is to the Christian no allegory, but an example of a kind of affliction which many who love the Lord are called to bear. Job "was perfect

and upright." He "feared God and eschewed evil." The enemy was not slow to press the assault upon him. "Put forth thine hand now," he said to Jehovah, "and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face." God accepted Satan's challenge, removed the protecting hedge from about His servant and allowed the adversary to attack him. It was Satan who robbed Job of his property and his family, and covered his body with boils.

A similar story is told in the thirteenth chapter of Luke. "Behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself." The Lord then answered, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, who Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond?"

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Share YOUR Sword

Make A Date . . .

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want to stay for both weeks. Others who could not attend the first week will want to come to the second. Many will prefer the program at the second week's conference.

The Second Tremendous Week at Lake Louise, July 11-17, a "Practical Christian Life Conference" Sponsored by the SWORD

The editor feels especially glad to announce a second big week at Lake Louise. The reservations are coming in so fast, and the indica-

tions of God's blessing on our first week's conference are so great that the management at Lake Louise invited the Sword of the Lord to put on an extra week of conference, and we are glad to do so.

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Make it a Double Blessing

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ary's life is spared. Those who prayed had a part in helping answer the prayer of the missionary for safety. Could God have spared the missionary without prayer? Yes, but He chooses to use us to help.

When that great man of God, George Muller, needed food for his hundreds of orphans—and many was the time when he knew not where the next meal would come from—God could have sent manna from Heaven, as He did to those in the wilderness journeyings; but instead, He put the burden on His people; and Muller and his "children" always had enough because people helped God answer prayer. Here in our own organization we have seen miracles happen more than once, but God used people as His instruments to answer prayer.

Here at the Sword of the Lord office, prayer is going up daily to God for the present subscription campaign, in which we hope to get 75,000 new and renewal subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD during this special campaign. With about three weeks left of the campaign, we are far, far short of the goal we believe God impressed us to pray for.

Were we right to pray when God seemed to say "75,000" during this campaign? We believe we were. So persistently we have prayed—daily in our office devotions...in several all-night prayer meetings here at the office...and as God impressed us during the day. As far as we can tell, He has been pleased with our efforts

to reach that goal, and we have gone ahead, trusting Him for the 75,000. Many of you have joined us in praying to this end. And, bless your hearts, some of you continually remind us of "Old Faithful." Come rain or shine, you are faithful in standing by us and giving aid and comfort. In other words, you help to answer prayer.

Many of our SWORD readers lament the fact that they do not have much money. Well, take comfort—we are in the same boat. Many write, "If I just had a thousand dollars, I would send THE SWORD to as many people as that amount would take care of." And you are honest in your intentions. Some have given until it hurts.

But you don't need a lot of money to have a part in this plan we are about to outline. Every SWORD reader can participate in this offer. You can save money on subscriptions and you can help us reach the 75,000 goal by April 1. For this you don't need a thousand dollars, or five hundred, or even one hundred—all you need is \$2.50, \$5, \$10, or \$15 to help answer prayer—and a cooperative spirit. Do you want to feel that THE SWORD is your paper, that you had a part in helping answer prayer? You can—you who have a small income, just as much as those with more. Let's look at it this way:

ONE NAIL is practically worthless, yet no residence can be built without using thousands of them. ONE BRICK has little value, but hundreds of them are needed to make a beautiful, durable building. So ONE SUBSCRIPTION may seem a "drop in the bucket" to you, but one subscription, or three, or five from many people will add up to 75,000.

And you really do save money, too. During this special subscription campaign which closes April 1, the following are the subscription rates:

	Regular price	Campaign price
1 yearly subscription	\$2.50	\$2.50
3 yearly subscriptions	\$7.50	\$5.00
4 yearly subscriptions	\$10.00	\$6.00
10 yearly subscriptions, plus brand new book, <i>All About Christian Giving</i> , 174 pages	\$26.00	\$15.00

(For Canadian and foreign subscriptions, add 50c to each subscription.)

You may say, "But surely one subscription, or two would not be much help"; but that is where you are wrong. Your subscription may not seem much by itself, but if enough people will send one, two, five, or ten subscriptions in the next two and a half weeks—by April 1, our prayers will be answered, and you will have had a part in it. And not only will you be helping to answer prayer, but you will bless the hearts of your loved one and friends 52 times in a year. Or perhaps you need to renew your own subscription. Look at the date by your name and see when yours expires. We believe the time has now arrived when we are faced with our greatest opportunity and at the same time our greatest test of faith. We firmly believe that the greatest days of THE SWORD OF THE LORD ministry are just ahead, and that the Lord is going to continue to use its testimony as a channel through which the message goes forth and thousands are saved. To this end we beg your help.

Glance at those rates again. Note the savings. For a 1-year subscription we must charge the full price, \$2.50. But for 3 yearly subscriptions at \$5, the price is \$1.66 per subscription. Or for 4 yearly subscriptions there is still a greater saving—\$1.50 for each subscription. And if you can send 10 yearly subscriptions at \$1.50 each (\$15)—a saving of \$1 on every subscription—we will send you free the newest book by Editor John R. Rice, *All About Christian Giving*, which brought such tremendous response when the chapters appeared in THE SWORD about a year ago. Because of this blessed response, we now have it available in a book with a two-

color paper cover, 13 chapters, 174 pages.

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Last week we printed the names of 673 people who have been saved after reading *Sword of the Lord* literature in 1953. Of that number, 90 came to know the Saviour after reading messages in THE SWORD and wrote to tell us so. Letter after letter, day after day, tell us that unsaved people are beginning to read THE SWORD regularly. Many are saved through it; hundreds of Christians are helped to grow, are brought from backsliding. We know what this soul-winning paper will do when people know about it and read it.

So now we are urging you to make out your list today; think of at least three families to whom you ought to send THE SWORD and send their names along, with \$5. We will not reach the 75,000 goal unless you who can't do much, do a little. Recently when God miraculously sent \$17,000 in to meet our property payment due January 1, the small gifts of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 really counted. Those who couldn't afford to do much, did more than they knew. These gifts, when totalled, made up the \$17,000 to meet the payment.

So it will be in this present subscription campaign. Please, we beg you, don't leave it to a few who might be able to help by large blocks of subscriptions, but do what you can with the small amount you have. If THE SWORD blesses you, then don't you think it would bless others likewise, others to whom you might send it?

The campaign is drawing to a close—19 more days left. Think of the spiritual condition of your friends. What about your pastor? How he would enjoy somebody preaching to him each week! Now to you who feel you have done all you can do, we ask no more of you. But some of you, because of

neglect, have not helped in this present campaign. Don't you want to join with these others in helping to answer prayer? We believe you need only this reminder to get you started. Thousands of our readers got THE SWORD as a gift from someone else. Show your appreciation by sending it to others. Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. 'Twas not meant for you alone; Pass it on.

Now if you just don't have a friend—sounds incredible doesn't it!—who needs THE SWORD, you still can help. Hundreds are asking for THE SWORD but cannot pay for it for one reason or another. We have now thousands of names of people who want THE SWORD...they are waiting for somebody to pay for a subscription for them. We cannot put them on the subscription list until someone pays for them—those are post office regulations. This will count toward the goal, also, if you wish to send in any amount, large or small, and say, "For Missionary and Minister Subscription Fund." But please do something. Let God work through YOU to help answer this prayer for 75,000 subscriptions during the present campaign.

After April 1, the regular subscription price will be \$2.50 a year, except to those who have accepted a quota and are working toward that, in agreement with us. So please get your letter in ahead of the deadline. We'll be sure to thank you for what you do—large or small; and I am sure God will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." THE SWORD OF THE LORD is His paper; we are His helpers.

Remember, YOU can make this present campaign a success. And please pray for us, that we may be faithful in everything He gives us to do.

Dr. Rice is expending every effort—adding gray hairs, turning down many revival invitations—because he feels that THE SWORD

The Lord's Return-- Our Attitude

*Not only looking, but longing,
Lord Jesus returning to greet,
A chaplet of glory to gather
And cast it with joy at His feet.*

*Not only waiting, but watching,
Wistfully scanning the skies,
Anticipating the day-break
When the world's true Sun shall arise.*

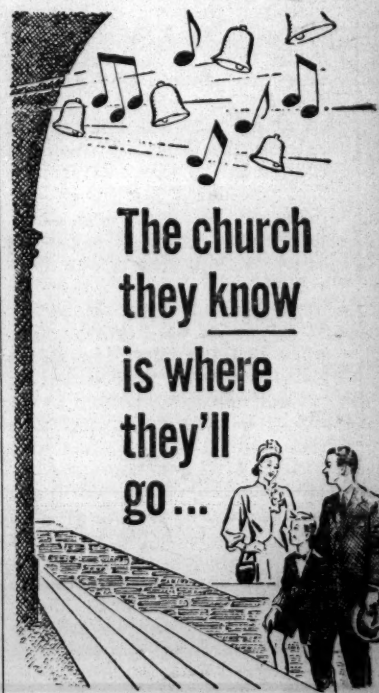
*Not only planning, but ploughing,
Planting the seed of the Word,
Occupying His vineyard
Till we give an account to our Lord.*

*Not only dreaming, but doing,
Dangers and fears we disdain;
Burning hearts glowing within us
At the thought of His coming again.*
—W. A. PHIPSON. (As printed in *Evangelical Christian*)

Saviour, long Thy saints have waited,
Centuries have passed away
Since the promise first was given
Of a glorious Advent Day.
Grey and old the world is growing,
Loud the scoffers' boast is heard;
But our hearts are peaceful, knowing
We may rest upon Thy Word.

can do more to reach lost people than he can in revivals. So at great sacrifice he is laboring to do all things to reach all men possible. It isn't easy; day and night he longs to be in revivals. But God has put this great burden upon him right now, and he is trying to be content to do the greater work. He covets your prayers, your letters, your SUBSCRIPTIONS. So please act now. Here is a convenient coupon. If you prefer to have us select the names, you may send whatever amount you can and we will supply the names. May we expect to hear from you by return mail? God bless you, everywhere!

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The Problem of Pain

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Welcoming Suffering for the Glory of God

To the question, Why must sincere Christians suffer? there can be but one answer. It is for the glory of God. For this reason God permitted the sickness and death of Lazarus. For the same reason many saints have been on beds of pain and weakness for years—some of the dearest, sweetest Christians that we have ever known. In their suffering they are trusting, and enjoying blessed fellowship with their Lord. They have learned to actually welcome pain. Of their number, Dr. Payson is an outstanding example. For many years he never had a day free from pain. He said, "Every night death comes and stands beside my bed in the form of a terrible convulsion. Every one is more severe than the other, threatening to separate my soul from my body; and always leaving me with the certainty that I shall have to endure it all again tomorrow night. But while my body is thus tormented, my soul is perfectly happy, more happy than I can explain. My joy in God so abounds as to make my suffering not only bearable, but welcome." This servant of God, in the midst of physical agony, enjoyed a fellowship with the Father of which most of us know nothing.

On one occasion Dr. Payson visited one of his parishioners who was ill. "I have found out," said the minister, "why God puts some

of us on our backs. Do you know why?"

"No," replied the sick man, "I do not know."

"It is that we might look straight up into His face!"

God often afflicts us in order to take our eyes away from money and pleasure and position, and cause us to look straight into His own blessed face.

It Is the Father Who Chastens

It should be understood that the chastening about which we are speaking is the experience only of children of God, of those who are children of God by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Father superintends every trial. He is tenderness personified. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, saith the Lord." There is comfort, too, in the thought that the Lord Jesus Christ trod the road of sorrow and pain. God was not punishing Him when He allowed Him to be tempted "in all points like as we are, sin apart." He entered into every form of human trial and pain, not for His own sake, but because "it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

From time to time we like for our friends to share with us the inspiration that we get from our own Bob Jones University graduates. I quote from a letter just received:

"Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with great joy that we write this letter to you. My wife and I both graduated from Bob Jones University in 1950; since that time we have been serving the Lord in two rural churches in this state. During those four years it was our joy and privilege to win more than four hundred people to Jesus Christ. Each year we had more invitations for evangelistic meetings than we could begin to handle. The Lord has opened many doors of service for us here. We thank God for the practical soul winning we learned at school. Last fall we felt led of the Lord to make a change in our place of service. We 'candidated' for this church. Some of the liberal ecclesiastical bosses were hostile toward us at the first sign of our moving and did much to keep us from coming here. However, we felt led of the Lord to come; and when the church voted to call us here, we were called by not only an overwhelming vote but by a unanimous vote. This vote proved to us that our Lord is stronger than any ecclesiastical machine. We have been in here only a month, and during this time the Lord has been gracious to us in that He has given us seven souls for our hire. Four of them were adults.

"Dr. Bob, truly we will be eternally grateful for the Lord leading us to Bob Jones University. We both were work/loan students while in school. This was an education in itself to both of us. We have several students at Bob Jones University now, and we plan to send several more next fall.

"One of the greatest things we learned at school is: The greatest ability is dependability. That emphasis is something that certainly distinguishes us from other institutions. It has been common knowledge wherever we go that Bob Jones University fellows know how to deal personally with people about their salvation. What greater tribute could be ours? We shall continue to pray for the school, and we shall try to support it with our gifts, too."

The letter from which we have quoted is just one of many similar letters. Sometimes we

get very tired, and the strain is so heavy, and, being human, we are tempted to let up just a little, but letters of this kind stimulate our sense of responsibility and make us realize more and more that God called Bob Jones University into existence, not just to be another school but to be an individualistic school, giving a definite individualistic emphasis in these days when there seems to be almost a world-wide bankruptcy of character.

We are asking you friends again as we have asked you many times before to please pray that God will keep Bob Jones University true to the purposes for which He called it into existence and that He may give strength and grace to all of the executives to keep on keeping on being true to the Lord. We are having a year of blessing and victory.

You will note that this minister whom God is using and his wife both had work/loan scholarships. They could not have come to Bob Jones University without this assistance. Some of the finest graduates we have who are doing the greatest work for God are men and women who did not have the money to pay all of their expenses in school. Now, you can help us by contributing to the Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund. We would like to hear from you as promptly as possible. Remember, we are asking you good, faithful, Christian friends to help us get the right kind of students. We want students that can be trained for Christian leadership. We would prefer to have a student that we have to help some if that student has the character and can be trained for real service for God than to have some student with plenty of money who is able to pay his way and does not need any financial assistance but who lacks the elements of Christian leadership. Remember, you can have a share in the work we are doing. You can pray for us. You can help us get the right kind of students that can be trained to be the right kind of leaders for these terrible days in which we are living, and you can help us financially. Thank you and God bless you.

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Sowing the Blessed Seed

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already told you about it through the pages of THE SWORD. We got telegrams, telegraphing money on the date it was due!

The next letter is from Mrs. R—D—who sent THE SWORD to several folk in her church in a South Dakota town. In this letter she enclosed \$18 and some more names for subscriptions. She tells how the church was becoming lifeless and modernistic when she first sent the paper to a group; how it had been impossible to have a revival. Then she tells about a successful revival campaign in the church late last year. "In looking over my last year's list that I sent, I find at least one and sometimes more adults, from nine homes out of twenty-seven subscriptions sent to folk in our church, responded to the invitation to get right with God. Some were saved who had been members of the church for some time. I feel that THE SWORD had much to do with these victories."

CATHOLIC MONK BUYS "LODGES"

A Franciscan Monk orders Dr. Rice's book, *Lodges Examined By the Bible*. He wrote the following letter:

"Find cheque to cover the enclosed invoice.

"It may please you to know that the book, read by a young man some time ago, induced him to sever all connections with the Masons. Not only that, but also to become a member of the church. He is preparing to enter the marriage state, but his connections with the Masons prevented him from accepting the faith. He abhorred particularly the secrecy imposed upon all Masons, and particularly that a husband was also to retain secrets from his own wife. May God bless the good work you are doing. I myself have been a student of international affairs for over 45 years, and I have long felt that the chief evil in our national and international relations is the influence of secret societies."

(Signed) (Rev.) F. A. —O.F.M.
Sioux City, Iowa

Yes, we reach even monks with the Gospel message! One of the most devout readers of THE SWORD is an Episcopal rector. He writes frequently of the blessing he gets from the paper. Many Catholics write that they read THE SWORD as do Protestants from many denominations.

Mrs. Bernice Shaw of Liberal, Missouri, asked that we send sample SWORDS to some of her friends, then she said, "It was through this paper that I realized I was only a church member—not born again at all."

My, the inspiring letters which come from men in the Service! Before me is a letter from W. F. Meder, in the Navy. He has read some of THE SWORDS handed down from Christian buddies. "Your paper has been inspirational to a small group of sailors over in French Morocco," he says, and sends \$20 contribution to THE SWORD.

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"Enclosed is \$2 which I humbly send to be used in any way you feel led to further the wonderful work you are doing. I wish I could send more. I left off my Coca-Colas and coffee in the cotton mill, also my children

titled from their pennies to send this. I know God will bless and use it for His glory."—Mrs. Lucille Byers, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

BOOK ON "PRAYER" COMFORT IN SHADOW OF DEATH

Dr. Clive Irvine of Church of Scotland Mission, Chogoria, Embu, Kenya, writes:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I want to write and tell you of the great blessing the Lord has given us through the reading of your book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. I had a copy of it given me in 1945 and in the rush of life it got laid aside. I 'happened' to look over the shoulder of a fellow missionary at a committee meeting to see what he was reading (he was bored with the business!) and was at once attracted by what I saw. I found it was *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. When I got home, my wife told me we had a copy. That was 3 months ago.

"We have shared it with our splendid African Christians. We are in some danger from Mau Mau terrorists, as we live in the slopes of Kenya, only two miles from the forest edge. So we are much in prayer (a 20-minute prayer meeting daily at 12:30) for this protection. Also 3 weeks ago we made Sunday morning to 4:30 p.m. a day of continual prayer and fasting. The Lord blessed greatly. The church was full and many were standing round the (big, open) windows in the realization that the Lord honored an act (very small, it is true) of self-denial in fasting, as well as hearing prayer, came to us, humanly speaking, through your book. I often read short passages from it at our devotions.

"So we want to say 'thank you' for it, and we know you will rejoice with us that your ministry has extended to two tribes in East Africa."

Mr. Ben Kitts of Covington, Kentucky, writes:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I got one of your books, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?*. I read it through two times and prayed until I got saved. Praying and reading the Holy Bible, I made it. I joined the First Baptist Church and have been baptized. It sure is a wonderful thing. I am thirty-eight years old. It took me a long time to do this, but I'll live as strong for the Lord Jesus Christ as I did for the Devil and believe me that will be plenty strong.

"So I have started on the right road for God and never expect to turn away from Him. I have a wife and one boy ten years old. My wife has been a Christian for twelve years. So pray for me and my family that we will do the Lord's will and never go astray."

Rev. Charles E. Fuller of the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour, uses regularly the little booklet, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* in letters to those who inquire about salvation. The following letter from Mr. Walter Evans, Jr., of Kansas City, Missouri, tells how he was saved by reading a copy:

"February 1, 1954

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I received a copy of your *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* from Rev. Charles E. Fuller in Long Beach, California.

"I had written to him requesting some advice. Your book is very helpful to me. Quite a few things are much clearer to me now.

"Realizing that I am a sinner and believing that Christ died for my sins I here and now accept and trust Him to be my personal Saviour. Depending on Him to change my heart and give me everlasting life as He has promised to do I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour and I am glad to be able to write and let you know. I intend to forever praise His holy name. I know all will be all right now for if God is for me who can be against me."

Mr. Melburn Jones of Perryopolis, Pennsylvania, thanks us for booklets received, in these words:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"After reading several of your printed sermons, I have made up my mind to accept Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I wish to thank you for having them printed. I also feel very grateful to Mr. Lester Martin who gave me the tracts and to the Rev. Samuel N. Harper who visited me yesterday. It was after reading the sermon 'The Last Judgment of the Unsaved Dead' that I signed the lines provided in the back. I intend to join Rev. Harper's church."

Sow for the Master, Reap Blessed Returns

I know you have enjoyed reading these letters from all over the world—letters telling how God has blessed SWORD of the Lord literature. Surely you are convinced that the Gospel message in print brings forth fruit. In the 24-page booklet, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* Dr. Rice preaches a Gospel message—just like you would hear in a revival. Then he presses for a decision—just like you would get in a Sunday night evangelistic service.

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Many people, feeling this one of the greatest ways to reach the lost, are sacrificing continually to get the booklet spread. Here is an example. Rev. Gerald Dickson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, sent \$75 for the Free Literature Fund and said:

"The thing that has challenged me to give liberally is the report of the Koreans' Thanksgiving offering. They gave all that they had. This money I am sending, and have already sent, was being saved for school next year. But I have felt so burdened for Japan that I just had to give. I am trusting God for my needs, and if I have to stay out of school this fall, praise God for it. But I know He will supply."

Others are doing likewise.

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The Value of a Soul

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There is the understanding, which is the eye of the mind, and is the inlet of knowledge. Yes, it is the window of the soul. There is judgment, which weighs and determines, respecting the things which the understanding has received. There is also the will, which chooses or rejects the things brought before it by the understanding and the judgment. And there are the affections, which cause us to love, to desire, or to delight in that which we may choose. Yes, they will cause us to fear and detest those things which are not agreeable to us. There is memory, which is the mental capacity for storing up our knowledge of ideas and events.

You will note that conscience is the monitor of the soul, which judges and pronounces verdicts upon all we do, or say, or think. With these faculties man is exalted to a close alliance with the angels of bliss, and is capable of being enriched with vast stores of mental and spiritual knowledge.

A stone, or clod of earth cannot think. You may refine it until it becomes as dangerous as electric fluid, yet it is matter and cannot think. You may apply to it all the discoveries of chemistry, yet you

cannot change its essential nature—it is still matter. But the soul that was created in the image of God will retain its powers though the body be mutilated or decaying. Many have lost limbs, while others have been borne down with disease—yet their mental powers were clear and vigorous. The mind may be strong and vigorous while the body is weak and frail.

The Bible differentiates the spiritual nature of the soul from the body. The body may be ever so beautiful in its structure, yet it is the soul that will live on after this earthly state has passed. When God formed the body of earth, He "breathed into his [man's] nostrils the breath of life." Again we read, "...dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Hence, you can readily see that at death our bodies will return to the earth, but the soul to the God who gave it. Paul says, "...but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (II Cor. 4:16). The ancient Job had the same thought in mind when he said, "But there is a spirit in man." And the mighty Stephen said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

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the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering." He knows every feeling of the human heart. You may think that nobody understands you, that nobody appreciates the weight of the burden you bear. Jesus knows!

The nature of divine chastening is described in the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, from which the text is taken. Two fathers are contrasted, the earthly father, who punishes his sons and daughters for his own pleasure, and the heavenly Father, who disciplines His children for their profit, in order that they may be made partakers of His holiness. In other words, when one becomes a Christian he enters the school of Christ to be educated. Then all the providential dealings of God are but parts of His eternal program. He corrects, He instructs, He reproves, He rebukes, He disciplines—and back of it all is His own high and holy purpose. We are not a bit of driftwood on a swollen stream, or a flock of dust swirling down the public highway. We are a part of a great plan; and in the development of that plan, God chastens us for our profit. The results are seen now, and they will extend to eternity. Surely yonder

there will be ministries in which the faculties that God is now so painstakingly correcting, developing and training will have higher and holier manifestations than are possible here and now. When a beloved brother in the ministry went to be with the Lord, someone said to me, "It seems too bad that when one is so rich in wisdom and experience, his life should be ended."

"Do you think it is ended, brother?" I asked. "No, it is just begun."

We may go to sleep tonight and awaken tomorrow to ministries, privileges and opportunities as yet unknown. "Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face." For that glorious moment, we are now being prepared in the crucible of affliction.

Experience Revises Opinions of Suffering

Peter, near the close of his ministry, by divine inspiration, emphasized the spiritual value of suffering. "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that,

when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." As a young man, Peter did not always have this view of suffering. It was given by God's Holy Spirit. Early in his Christian life he made his great confession concerning the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Matthew. "From that time forth began Jesus to show his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed . . . Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." His affection for His Lord made him blind to the need for Christ to suffer, and eager only to spare Him pain. He would not have understood why a good man should be afflicted. Near the close of his life, however, Peter thought it strange that any Christian should escape suffering. He himself endured much. After the day of Pentecost, Peter and John faced the same council before which Jesus had stood. And "when they had beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." They had learned that though "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

The "Afterward"

Affliction may yield a glorious afterward. This was the case with George Matheson, a brilliant student who was stricken with blindness on the eve of his graduation from university. Added to this grief was another: The young woman to whom he was betrothed refused to marry him because of his affliction. As he thought of her love that had meant so much to him, now gone out of his life forever, he realized that there was a greater love that never fails, that never dies. He sang:

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's glow its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

Who can estimate how many thousands of people have been inspired and comforted through George Matheson's hymn?

Dr. Moon, of Brighton, at the threshold of his life work, was also smitten with blindness. The blow was a crushing one, but submitting to the will of the heavenly Father, he turned his face Heavenward and said, "O God, I accept this blindness as a talent from Thee." In the use of that talent, Dr. Moon spent the remainder of his life preparing a system of raised letters for the blind by means of which thousands have been led into the light of the Gospel.

Our present attitude toward sorrow and suffering affects the "afterward." Murmuring and complaining spell defeat. In the case of Job, Satan would have triumphed if the sufferer had said, "God is unkind; He has no right to treat me like this." But because the servant of Jehovah said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord," there was a jubilee in Heaven.

Resistance to the will of God which permits affliction will bring present distress and future loss. If, in the midst of trouble, we submissively seek to learn God's lessons, and in absolute abandon say,

*Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,
God will give a gracious "afterward," not only in this life, but in the ages to come. Such resignation will cause the heart to believe and rest in the fact that it is in love that God chastens and scourges His son.*

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The Value of a Soul

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This body is the house and the soul is the tenant. Yes, the body is the casket while the soul is the jewel.

The story is told of a man who was crossing the ocean. He was leaning over the side of the vessel. It was a bright, sunny day, and not a wave broke the surface of the water. Just a little ripple here and there kissed the rays of the sun. The man, as he leaned over the rail of the vessel, was tossing something in the air. When it fell through the sunlight it sparkled with singular radiance and glory. He tossed it up again and again, and it threw out its marvelous light as it fell.

At last an onlooker said, "May I ask what that is that you are tossing up so carelessly and indifferently?" The man said, "Certainly—look at it, for it is a brilliant diamond."

"Is it of much value?" asked the onlooker. "Yes, it is of very great value," said the man. "See the color of it, and the large size. In fact, all I have in this world is invested in this diamond. I am going to a new country to seek my fortune. I have sold everything I possess, and have put it into this diamond in order to have it in portable shape."

"Then if it is so valuable, is it not an awful risk to be tossing it up so carelessly?" was the question. "No risk at all," said the man. "I have nothing to fear. I have been doing this for the last half-hour." "But there might come a last time," said the onlooker. But the man laughed and threw the diamond up again and caught it as it fell. He threw it up again, but it was too far out this time. The poor fellow reached as far as he could over the rail of the vessel, but he could not reach far enough. There was a little splash in the ocean. For a moment he

stood aghast, and then he cried out, "LOST! LOST! LOST! All I have in this world is lost."

Now, my friendly reader, you may say, "No man would be so foolish about his soul." Yes, you may doubt the story, yet the story is true. The ocean is eternity, the vessel is your life, and the diamond is your immortal soul. It is of priceless value. It is of more value than blackland farms, increasing bank accounts, flowing oil wells, and the most priceless diamonds and rubies of earth. Yet, men will play with this priceless diamond as an unimportant thing.

II. The Value of the Soul is Seen in God's Great Concern For It

Infinite wisdom, omnipotent power, and divine goodness created it. God created the soul in the express image of Himself. In Genesis we read this statement, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him" (1:27). He was created with the power of choice. He was no mere machine, but was created to act upon his own responsibility. The animals of the field had no power to choose for themselves. We hold our eternal destiny in our own power. We may go to Heaven if we choose, or we may reject the offers of God's great salvation and be lost forever. "Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Yes, man was created in the image of his Maker. He was created with knowledge, with righteousness and immortality.

It was a sad day when man fell from those lofty heights of God's creation. Mercy on silver-tipped wings brooded over this poor world that was swiftly gliding down the putrid river of death toward the dark gulf stream of eternal night. "No man cares for my soul," was

the piercing cry that fell from man's lips. Tragic is the story of the fall of man. But all through the Old Testament we have a continued story of a coming Redeemer. Prophets told of His coming in the most graphic language. On that memorable night the angels sang over the Judean hills, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11).

We were bought at an infinite price. The salvation that God provided for perishing humanity is great because of what it cost. Values are dependent upon prices. God bankrupted Heaven to buy us. We used to sing a song, "One drop of blood that was shed on the tree can cleanse every stain." If one drop of blood could have saved the world, then the thorn-pricks on His brow would have been sufficient.

My friend, it took the outpoured blood of the Son of God, stamped with infinite merit by the death which He suffered, to save the soul. The cost was so great that, in His agony on the cross, the earth trembled and shuddered in horror and shrouded its face, while it looked as if the pillars that supported the orderly universe would be unloosed and the whole universe drop into chaos. The sun in all its strength and beauty refused to shine and to look upon the suffering Christ. It protested by drawing sackcloth of darkness over its face, while the moon looked cold and sad and protested the death of its Maker by pulling the gray locks over its face. Every star receded to covering, and thus protested His death. The material world was thrown into abject darkness, while all creation protested His death. The earth heaved and sighed, while mountains trembled and rocks were rent. The red-fingered, lurid, lightning played around Golgotha's brow, while Horeb split her granite ribs, and the cedars of Lebanon bowed and swayed and sighed with awful grief—the earth heaved and broke its heart, while mountains were convulsed with heartbreaking sorrow.

If the agony of our blessed Redeemer had lasted much longer, the universe would have dropped into utter ruins. When He finished the sacrifice on the cross, He emptied Himself. When He said, "IT IS FINISHED," the universe staggered with the burden of His bankruptcy, for Heaven had been robbed of all. He paid the price for earthly mortals to get back to God. But if it had cost a bit more we would have been doomed forever. God emptied the priceless Gift of Heaven in order to redeem sinful humanity. Our glorious Redeemer was born in Bethlehem of Judea. At His voice the winds obeyed; at His command the dead leaped to life from the dust of the earth. He was crucified on the cross, incarcerated in the city of death, burst its bars, carried off its gates, ascended on high, and has become our Friend at the right Hand of God forever.

The unbeliever may stand aside and say that Christ was a failure. I will grant you that it looked as if He were a failure. When His own disciple sold Him for thirty pieces of silver, when He was arrested in the olive grove, when He stood in the presence of Pontius Pilate, when He staggered down

the street of Jerusalem and struggled up the hill, when they stripped Him of His raiment, when we hear the sickening thud of the hammer as it floated out over the sorrow-laden air, when we see Him hanging between two thieves—it seemed as if He were a failure.

Hell thought He was defeated and was jubilant, but it had been declared through the prophet of old, "He shall not fail." And in the midst of such a plight He cried out, "IT IS FINISHED." What was finished? The world was redeemed and Hell was defeated. Figuratively speaking, there was a rattling at the gates of damnation. The gates were twisted from their rusty hinges, and this triumphant One walked through the ashes of Hell to the throne of darkness and there pulled the prince from his smutty throne and threw him in the ashes and, with foot on his neck, said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death"—"he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth."

So my friend, if you want to know the value of your soul, do not ask your neighbor, but look at Calvary. Look at the pale-faced Victim. See the haggard lines in His face. Hear His deep breath of agony and suffering. Hear His bitter cry of desertion, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And if you want to know the cost of your soul, look back to the cross, for there is the only place where you can estimate its value.

The Lord was not only concerned about our creation and the redemption of the human race, but He ascended on high to prepare for us a home of many mansions. He has gone to prepare for us a home that is free from sin. It is a place of delightful atmosphere—a place of dazzling glory and the sweetest of music. Yes, my friend, this clime is free from sorrows and difficulties of this life. It is noted for its happy reunions of loved ones.

Death has entered our homes and taken a father, mother, brother, sister, son, or daughter. One beautiful, moonlight night in May, as we lay in slumber, we were suddenly awakened by the cry of our suffering child. There had been no hours of anxiety before this cry. In a few hours God took our precious child home. We shall not soon forget those hours and days of suspense. Oh, how lonely it was after returning from the cemetery! Our hearts were so torn and bleeding! Kind friends tried to encourage us. It looked as though our sun had gone down to rise no more. But we looked beyond this earthly state of sorrow to that blessed day when we shall meet our loved ones on the other side. O blissful state! O precious hour!

Soon this Holy War will be over. And when that time shall come, all the faithful veterans of the cross will come from the fields of conflict to that blessed homecoming over yonder. Yonder they come from smoke-covered battlefields of earth. What does it all mean? War is over. No more burdens, no more difficulties, no more misunderstandings, no more heavy financial loads, no more bitter attacks from the enemy.

Ah, my friend, this is God's estimate of the soul's value. This is God's great concern for the soul of man.

III. The Nature of the Soul's Loss

According to the Word of God, the soul may be lost forever. "... and lose his own soul." Therefore it is possible to lose your soul. It is tragic to lose your health, your wealth, your friends, and your character. Some of us know what it means to lose a friend in the darkness of the night. Yonder is a little child who has wandered into the woods. The child has gone from place to place in vain hope to find its way out. At last it sits down and weeps bitterly. How piteous is the cry! The little child falls asleep, and is lost in the darkness of the night.

Yonder is a ship at sea. It is driven by the angry waves. The waters are in mad turmoil, and the ship rises and falls as it rides the crest of the waves. No person aboard seems to know where he is, and no one knows where he will land ashore. The ship is lost.

But think of a soul created in the image of its Maker, yet lost upon the rocking billows of eternal despair! We vainly search for words to paint the picture of a lost soul in eternity. What does it mean to lose the soul in eternity's night? I will venture to say that it is exclusion from all happiness. This life is filled with its disappointments, but the Lord has promised His children a city without the devastating things of this world. But there is no future state of happiness for the man who has lost his soul in the fog of this life.

In this life the righteous anxiously look forward to that blessed day in which all tears shall

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Make A Date . . .

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However, there will be a change in the emphasis. The first conference will be on revival and soul winning, on how to build great churches and big Sunday Schools, how to have the power of God. It will appeal especially to preachers and Christian workers who will come from many states. That is well and good. The same spiritual emphasis, of course, will be carried over into the second conference.

But is seemed to us that there ought to be a big week of "Practical Christian Life Conference." We feel there is need for a conference to show people how to live, to show lay-Christians how to serve God in a church, a conference that will enlist young people and start them out with great blessing in the Christian life. We believe that thousands of Christians want a quiet revival in their own hearts, a refreshing, a time of learning how to serve the Lord better. So we have this week of Practical Christian Life Conference July 11-17. Sunday through Saturday, at Lake Louise, following the preceding Sword conference there.

This Practical Christian Life Conference will be a "HOW TO . . ." conference. Here are some of the things that will be taught and studied there:

1. HOW TO teach children: Bible stories, flannelgraph, object lessons, chalk talks, choruses, Bible memory work, awards. Multitudes of Christians need help on this matter, particularly children's workers, Sunday School teachers, and parents.

2. HOW TO settle young people's problems—dates, the dance, movies, cigarettes, where to go to school, getting engaged, "What is wrong with it" problems, and how to know the will of God for your life.

Here some strong spiritual leaders, experts in youth work and youth problems, will answer questions, will teach the Bible, and will challenge young people.

3. HOW TO do evangelistic piano playing, taught by distinguished Gospel pianist.

4. HOW TO lead a Gospel song service (practical help by a well-trained and experienced evangelistic singer).

5. HOW TO prepare a sermon, a Gospel talk, or a Bible lesson.

The editor will take time to teach on this subject every day. Helpful for preachers, young preachers, Sunday School teachers—all who speak for Christ. It will also give a rich feast of Bible truth as we prepare sermons and talks.

6. HOW TO win souls personally. This course every Christian needs. It will be heart-warming, it will actually help you to become a soul winner, it will give the know-how and the supervision to actually start this in the work.

Evangelist Bill Rice, and Evangelist Hugh Pyle will help the editor throughout this week. The editor John R. Rice, expects to speak twice daily. About four other specialists have been invited to help, and full plans will be announced a little later.

By all means we hope Christians will make up groups of Christians, young people or adults, and plan now to attend this Practical Christian Life Conference at Lake Louise, July 11-17.

Please Pray for Other Engagements of the Editor

Since several other engagements of the editor will be of interest to people over a wide territory, we announce some of them here.

March 28-April 4, will be the Annual Bob Jones University Bible Conference. The editor will speak March 30-April 2. A number of famous preachers will take part.

April 25-May 2, the editor will be speaking in the Tri-State Bible Conference of the Highland Park Baptist Church and the Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

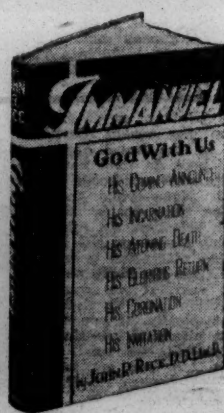
July 31-August 8, the editor will speak at the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Camp Meeting at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

August 9-15, the editor speaks with Dr. George Palmer, on the Morning Cheer Bible Conference, at Sandy Cove, Maryland, not far from Philadelphia.

August 21-29, the editor will speak at Central Manor Camp Meeting and Bible Conference, at Moundville, near Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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CHAPTER XVIII

NATURE'S BAZOOKAS AMONG THE PLANTS

We are considering some of the wonders of plant life, and in this talk I ask you to think, among other things of the strange and mysterious ways by which plants distribute their seeds. We can almost imagine them to be endowed with super-intelligence, and we are unable to resist the conclusion that here a Master Mind is at work.

In the blackberry and raspberry, for instance, the Engineer devised an indigestible pit around each seed. These pits permit the seeds to pass through the digestive canal in their original condition. A bear enjoying a meal of berries does not realize how helpful he is as a seed carrier. So animals are used ingeniously as an effectively operating transportation system for seeds.

Sometimes the rinds or seeds themselves are poisonous both to animals and men, and this serves as a warning. At other times the rind is simply unpalatable and discourages the marauder from penetrating further.

The mechanical devices adopted for the transportation of seeds are most striking. The tumbleweed with its feathery structure is able to roll along the ground for long distances. Carried by the wind the fruit breaks off and is deposited far from the parent plant.

Then, aeronautics is commonplace in nature. The Chinese Lantern is the familiar red plant used as an ornament in many modern homes. Its inflated calyx surrounds the fruit, which when it has ripened, is carried high into the air.

Winged fruits or seeds were the precursors of airplanes. The single-winged product of the ash, and the double-winged fruit of the maple, are so constructed that they will fly long distances in order to provide for germination away from the parent. The ailanthus bears a fruit which has a simple propeller.

The common milkweed and dandelion surprise us with their parachutes. The fruits bearing the seeds are wafted high in air and carried miles away from their birthplace.

Usually flowers use air currents for the transference of their pollen. If you doubt this, ask a hay fever sufferer! These pollen grains are very light-weight. In the case of pines, there is an appendage attached—a kind of air sac.

Many of our common native plants have mechanisms for releasing their seed—the envy of our modern engineers. The violet and columbine open their pods by means of valves, one to each pod from which the seeds spring with great force. The mustard plant splits its pods in a peculiar fashion, from the bottom upward, leaving behind a false partition, used for decorative effect. In some species this is beautifully dyed.

The evening primrose has a capsule which splits along four sutures, and from such a "trap" only a few seeds are allowed to escape at a time, thus insuring economy. The jimson weed or thornapple has a similar device.

The poppy, at the time of maturity, has small windows or pores at the apex of the capsule. As the wind moves the long stem of the plant back and forth, the very light seeds are blown out of the pods, a few at a time.

In plants like the jewel weed or touch-me-not, the seeds are forced out by spring-like gadgets. A slight jar causes the fruit to shoot its seeds quite long distances. The witchhazel also ejects its seeds with great force, sending them as far as twenty feet.

The lowly mushroom uses a spring to project its spores through the darkness to some small ray of light. Ferns scatter their spores by means of trigger-like devices on the under side of their fronds. The wild geranium uses a catapult to distribute its seeds. Each of the five seeds has its own private mechanism.

The squirting cucumber of southern Europe is very curious. Its fleshy fruit hangs from a stalk which acts as a stopper at one end. As the fruit matures, the cork-like plug pulls loose and the seeds are shot out with great violence because of the internal pressure accumulated throughout the growing season. In America, the wild balsam apple, a climbing annual, follows a similar plan.

Do you know that some plants

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are confirmed meat-eaters, and insist on a diet consisting of the bodies of their animal friends and acquaintances, and so these insect-eating plants must have a special device? Usually they are provided with a spring-like mechanism. Familiar examples are the pitcher plant, the sundew and the Venus' flytrap.

The pitcher plant has modified leaves forming a structure which resembles a pitcher and collects rain water. The plant nectar sweetens this water, making it attractive to insects. On the inside of the pitcher which is open at the top, there are stiff hairs pointing downward. The thirsty insect enters the pitcher, takes its drink and prepares to leave, but finds the way blocked by the hairs and is drowned. The plant now enjoys its meal leisurely.

The sundew is provided with tiny hairs on the upper surface of its leaves, the hairs secreting a sticky substance from glands located on their tips. This liquid looks like dew, but when the insect alights on it to enjoy the morning dewdrop, it gets the surprise of its short life. It is stuck fast. The hairs then bend toward the middle of the leaf, which closes and traps the insect, and that is the end of this particular bug. The sundew relishes its meal.

The leaves of the Venus' flytrap have two halves hinged together. On the surface of the leaves are hair-like structures which act like triggers. When the worm or fly crawls over these tiny bristles, an immediate impulse is carried to the leaves, resulting in an instant closure of the leaves, their hinges permitting this remarkable response.

The sensitive plants, such as the common mimosa, close their compound leaves in mechanical fashion as the result of excessive heat shock, or the onset of darkness. The huckleberry shoots its pollen from double-barreled shotguns.

Some pollen grains are rough or adhesive, causing them to adhere to the body or hairs of insects and animals. The stigmas of most flowers are made sticky in order to catch and hold in place the pollen, allowing it to germinate.

Some common weeds distribute their seeds by supplying them with tiny hooks which cling to the hair or fur of animals. Examples are the cocklebur, the common burdock or "sticker," with which most of us have had trouble one time or another, the bur marigold or beggar's tick, and the trefail or "stick-tight." Each of these has hooked or barbed prongs and is loosely attached to the parent plant at maturity. Contact with some animal easily pulls it out and it is given a "free ride."

Coconuts, palm nuts, Solomon's seal, and many other fruits prefer water transportation and are so constructed that they will be safely carried to some distant shore without sinking.

Let us ask again—"Who but God could devise such an amazing array of unique devices as we have enumerated?"

So we see that Nature has many ways of giving the seeds a ride and free transportation to some unknown destination. This is a day of travel. People everywhere are on the move and we cross land and sea and fly through the air for long distances, often at great speed. This speed is one of the striking features of this twentieth century. Many centuries ago a strange prediction was given to Daniel, the great seer of Babylon, when he was an old man, probably about 90 years of age. This man of God—one of the most remarkable who ever lived—was given a glimpse into the distant future, and saw certain world-shaking events of our time.

He was anxious to know the date of these occurrences—quite a



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natural curiosity. But the angel would tell him little beyond saying that "at the time of the end, many shall RUN to and fro." This appears to indicate a marked increase in the speed of transportation just before the end of this age.

One thing is certain, the world has gone mad after speed; and if this is what was suggested by the angel, we are now living in exciting days. Tremendous events are in the offing—events of which we shall have something to say in later broadcasts.

Thinking of travel, another of God's prophets took a strange ride one eventful day in the long ago. This man was Elijah and the story is told in II Kings, chapter 2.

"There appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire . . . and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

Some day I'd like to ask Elijah about that trip.

Another servant of God, Enoch, considerably older than Daniel—in fact 365 years of age—was taken by God and lifted bodily from earth to heaven as recorded in Genesis 5:24.

"Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

And shortly after the crucifixion of Christ, Philip the evangelist, after doing some personal work with an Ethiopian eunuch in the desert, and having no means of transportation back to civilization, was given a trip on God's Fast Express. This is what we read in Acts 8:39, 40.

"The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip . . . but Philip was found at Azotus"

not very far from the city of Samaria which he had left a few days before.

Our Bible tells us that one day a vast host of people are to be given free heavenward transportation and will be "caught up" to "meet the Lord in the air." The brief reference is found in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians and is of sensational interest.

When this possibility is mentioned, however, it is commonly greeted with expressions of incredulity. Eyebrows are raised and people take a second look, as if something is wrong mentally with us. It is difficult to understand this skeptical attitude. We cannot deny God the right to take His children to Himself in His own way. He is not restricted to our crude methods of transportation. If He can empower a lowly squirting cucumber, enabling it to shoot its seeds into the air, surely He can do greater things for us when He wills it. Is there anything illogical or childish or fanatical about this idea? I do not see it that way.

We are told that many people will be left on earth when this separation takes place, because only those who have accepted Christ as Saviour will be taken. I know I shall be "caught up." Why am I sure? It is not because I deserve this honor, but because I have linked myself to Jesus Christ. Have you done so yet? Better think about it, and decide to go along with us to the home in the sky.

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"IT KEEPS ME ALIVE"

Mr. Cunningham, a missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, who was serving in South China, told of a native who once came to him and said, "Why don't you preach something else? You have been preaching this Jesus for three days."

"What do you eat for breakfast?" the missionary asked.

"Rice," was the reply.

"For dinner?"

"Rice."

"For supper?"

"Why, rice."

"What did you eat yesterday?"

"Rice."

"What have you been eating for years?" the missionary inquired.

"Rice," replied the astonished man.

"Why do you eat rice every day? Why don't you eat something else?"

"Because it keeps me alive."

"That is just the reason that we preach Jesus, because He is life to us, and we could not live without Him," explained the missionary.

—The Christian Herald

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be wiped away. But the person who has lost his way in this life has no promise of a merciful God drying his tear-stained face in eternity. The burden-hearted Christians of earth are looking forward to that blissful day when all the burdens shall be lifted. But there is no promise of a better day waiting the lost soul beyond this life. Eternity to the righteous will mean blessed peace and happiness beyond the expression of human lips, but it has no such meaning to the poor man who has lost his soul.

In that blessed future state the righteous shall walk the gold-paved streets of the heavenly Jerusalem. Yes, the blood-washed pilgrims of this world shall eat of the tree of life and drink from those sparkling fountains. But there will be no tree of life nor bubbling fountains awaiting the person who has rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. O sin-bound, Devil-deluded, footsore, and broken-hearted man, there is no future state of happiness for you, unless you repent of your sins and become a genuine believer in Christ! The Scripture says of the wicked, "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked"; for they "are like the troubled sea."

The sinner will take his memory into eternity. Memory is the most horrifying thought connected with the future punishment of the wicked. Socrates was asked what he wished most, and his reply was as follows, "Oh, that I might forget!" The science of psychology teaches that the mind, or memory is incapable of forgetting anything. Hence, we know to know forever, and we remember eternally. The power of memory is wonderful. Sir Walter Scott repeated a song of eighty-eight stanzas which he had heard but once, and that was three years before.

Then, the sinner will take his conscience into the life beyond the grave. Conscience has the power to disturb us in this life and in eternity. It says, "Do not do the thing you believe to be wrong." And every normal person will take his reasoning powers with him into the Great Beyond. In eternity reason will approve of the penalty of the sinner. The sinner will reason thus, "I was faithfully warned by God's messengers, and the blessed Holy Spirit was faithful, for the Word was preached and the saints prayed—but I rejected all that God did to save, and I am justly condemned."

In eternity the sinner will also suffer the infliction of the displeasure of God forever. It is not the will of God that any perish, but that all men should come to repentance. It means to live forever with the curse of God upon the soul. Yes, to live where the piercing eye of the Lord looks on with displeasure forever. And in this place, the bitter memories of the past haunt the soul.

Yonder is a picture that represents Napoleon at St. Helena. He stands down by the sea shore—his arms are folded, and he is looking across the water toward La Belle, France. I imagine he is thinking thus:

"Yonder I was the loved emperor of a devoted people—I was on the throne, supported by the love of France. An army moved at my command, but I was led on by my cursed ambition. I was not satisfied; I aimed at the dominion of Europe. And in order to carry out my hellish ambition, I trampled on the bones and waded through the blood of my loyal and devoted friends. And here I am to die!"

Thus it is with the lost of eternity. Once they were appointed unto salvation, once an heir to a robe and a crown. In those dark regions of the lost, the unsaved will look out over the smutty vaults and reason thus:

"Once I lived on yonder earth, where I was a free moral agent. I might have been a king and a priest unto God, or a co-worker with the Son of God in His unending kingdom. But I lived for self, and loved the pleasures of the world, and said no to God. Now I am banished from God and Heaven forever, and even death would be a welcome relief—but

death never comes here. A casket would be a welcome sight, but caskets are useless in this place of darkness."

O my friend, the lost are in a state of disturbance! It is the disturbed ward of the universe. False prophets, fallen angels, the beast, drunkards, murderers, liars, adulterers, and whosoever loveth or maketh a lie shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

Did you ever visit an insane asylum? Once I walked on the different floors of such an institution. There is to be found in these institutions, the "disturbed ward." Such a sight for mortal man to behold! Men with high cheekbones, sunken eyes, disheveled hair, and long and bony fingers. To look into these glassy eyes will cause a sense of horror to come into your heart.

But think of a lost soul in the darkness of eternity. With all past opportunities gone; the family circle, altars, Gospel sermons, revivals, praying friends, an open Bible, a sainted mother, the pleading Spirit, and the blessed interceding Christ—all neglected, all rejected, and all gone, never to return. Yes, the Lord has stretched out His arms, but you have paid no regard. As a cyclone rushes upon a city and throws it to the ground like a child's toy, so has the warning of God flashed upon your heart. And, my friend, you will recall how you staggered under the conviction of the Spirit's pleading voice. Yes, like the roll of distant thunder the Spirit broke upon you. Sinai warned—its thunders rolled, but you would not hear! But, now the weeping, the wailing, the gnashing of teeth, and the death that never dies!

Fellow traveler to the bar of God, the darkness of Hell is one eternal night. Years roll upon years, and ages upon ages. Lost souls, horror-stricken by the blackness of darkness, cry out in their agony, "Will the night never end? Will the darkness last forever?" And from the dark caverns of the precinct of the damned comes back the answer, "Forever!" No star of hope ever lights up that night—no ray of light ever penetrates the abode of the lost. It is night that day never follows—it is night without a morning, one black eternal night—no sun, nor star to chase away its eternal vapors. The best Hell the sinner is promised is a world of ruins, shrouded in night's blackest pall—where none of the damned have a friend—where all ranks and sexes are herded into one promiscuous mob, with foulest demons—where every stinking cave is inhabited with fiends and gnashing ghosts, and on whose black crags the ravens of eternal despair sit and croak.

O friend, I am trying to set before you the awfulness of losing your soul—the soul that is worth more than rolling worlds! The lost in eternity have no hope. Now, we live in hope, but then, hope will have flown away. The lost man may cry for water to cool his blistering tongue, but he is beyond the skyline of hope. In that place of outer darkness no hope will spring up in the breast of the damned. Yet, in that black domain men will wish for another opportunity to be converted, but such an opportunity will never come. This is true because the lost are lost upon the rocking billows of eternal despair, where men scream and wail forever.

A young Christian girl's brother was instantly killed. Not knowing whether he had been converted or not, and fearing that he died unsaved, she almost lost her mind. She remarked in deep emotion, "My brother is lost in Hell. I want to go too, for I love him and desire to be with him." Poor girl! Little did she dream that her brother would hate her in Hell. There will be no love in Hell. My God, help us to miss going to this loveless place of despair! What a dark and infernal region it must be! Without love—where the father will hate his son, the daughter will hate her mother, brother will hate sister, and wife will hate her husband!

It is utterly impossible for the human imagination to paint the

terrible picture of a lost soul in eternity. It is beyond the expression of human utterances—beyond our keenest comprehension. Yes, it is beyond figures and descriptions. But think of a soul created in the likeness of God, capable of fellowship, durability, progressiveness, mental possibilities, righteousness, and companionship with the God of Heaven, and yet to be lost forever.

Yet, in the face of these glorious possibilities he turns from the blessed Holy Spirit and is lost—lost beyond hope—lost beyond recovery—beyond repair. Such a soul comes down to death's door, and the immortal spirit leaves the temple of clay to meet its God. The funeral service is conducted by some faithful minister of the Gospel, and the loved ones turn from the newly-made mound with sorrowing hearts. The immortal soul takes the fatal plunge into darkness. See it—yonder it goes. Oh, there it comes this way, shrieking, "Lost! Lost! Lost!" till our hearts stand still with horror!

But scream on and fly on, cursed and ruined spirit—no battlemented walls of jasper will ever meet thy gaze, or furnish a resting place for thy weary pinions. Fly on, lost soul, forever, for no angel of mercy will ever cross thy solitary way, or overtake thee in thy wanderings. Lost spirit, blackened with the curse of thy God, fly on and repeat in thy despairing cry the chorus of thine own horrible death march—lost—where no echoes will ever mock thy misery. Immortal soul, lost in the boundless, bottomless, infinite darkness! Oh, lost soul, fly on, for thou shalt never find company till the ghost of eternity will greet you over the grave of thy Maker, and thou shalt never find rest till thou art able to fold thy weary wings on the gravestone of thy God.

My friend, it is tragic to be lost beyond the confines of mercy and hope. If you are without Christ, stop before you have gone too far. The story is told of Rowland Hill, who was preaching in England. Lady Ann Erskine was passing by in her carriage and asked the coachman the occasion for such a tremendous crowd. He replied that it was Rowland Hill, the great preacher.

"I have heard much of him," she said. "Drive up near the crowd."

Mr. Hill saw her and recognized that she belonged to the aristocracy. He suddenly stopped in the midst of his message and said, "My friends, I have something for sale." His hearers were amazed. "Yes, I have something for sale—it is the soul of Lady Ann Erskine. Is there anyone here who will bid for her soul? Ah, do I hear a bid? Who bids? Satan bids. Satan, what will you give for her soul? Satan says, 'I will give riches, honor and pleasures!' But stop! Do I hear another bid? Yes, Jesus Christ bids. Jesus, what will you give me for her soul? Jesus answers thus: 'I will give comfort at the dying hour. I will give the new Jerusalem for your eternal home. And I will give life that overleaps the grave and swings onward and upward forever.' Lady Ann Erskine, you have heard the two bids—which will you have?"

She fell down on her knees and cried out, "I WILL HAVE JESUS."

Whom will you accept? There are two things that bid for your soul—Satan and Jesus. Satan offers you the world—but the world will not satisfy the cravings of your immortal soul, for the things of this world will not last. To which will you listen?

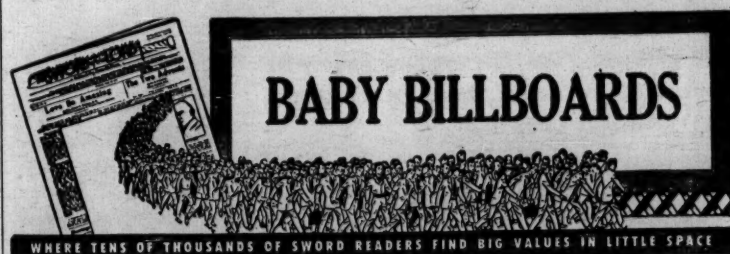
My friend, you have made many vows. Perhaps you told your mother, your brother, your child, or your husband that you would meet them in Heaven. Yet you are still unprepared to meet them. Yield yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ now, for He will deliver you from the power of Satan. The Lord Jesus Christ stands with outstretched arms to receive you. You need not lose your soul, for there is life for a look. He stands before the door of your heart and knocks for admittance. Open the door of your heart now, for He is thy best Friend. If you will open your heart unto Him, He will bring peace and happiness to your troubled soul.

My friend, you have rejected Him long enough—you are in

danger of losing your soul. You may be on the bleak mountains of sin, but this tender Shepherd is pleading for you to come home. Perhaps you have drifted away from Him, but He tenderly calls you back. He will take you back into His embracing arms, as the father took the prodigal son back.

But why should I continue to plead with you? It is for your immortal soul that shall never die.

It is for your soul that must soon appear before God for review. Why throw away your chance for Heaven? Why plunge off into everlasting darkness when all the gates of glory are open? Why reject Him, and be lost forever, when there is life and peace? Why die a miserable death when eternal life is offered you? Come, for all things are ready, the Church is ready, and all Heaven is ready.



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